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Students from all over the county contributed to the Holiday Tree Gala at the library.

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'The best present ever'

Hancock Middle School students recall their greatest Christmas Day memories.

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Christmas Eve at Lakeshore

Lakeshore Baptist Church will conduct a special Christmas Eve service today, Sunday, Dec. 24, at 9:30 a.m. The children's choir will present a musical and a dramatic reading of the Christmas story. Everyone is invited.

Tree recycling kicks off Tues.

The Hancock County Christmas tree recycling campaign kicks off this Tuesday, Dec. 26. Trees can be delivered to the Hancock County Civic Center and will be collected through Jan. 9. The program is sponsored by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Power Co. and Hancock County.

Hancock Middle PTO meeting set

Hancock Middle School's quarterly PTO meeting is scheduled for Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in the school library. Debbie Lain and Myron Labat will do a presentation on character education and peer mediation. Sixth-graders will sing Christmas carols in Spanish.

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-- Message from Our Lady to the visionaries at Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, Feb. 25, 2000.

The POWER and the GLORY



Joanne Hille's version of *The Pieta*, when Jesus was removed from the cross and handed to Mary. The painting hangs over an altar in the sanctuary room where Hille hosts monthly prayer meetings, which she hopes will offer hope and inspiration to those in need.

Artist brings message of love home to Bay

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Coast-native Joanne Hille paints beautiful pictures, but she has never had a formal art lesson of any kind. Her paintings, she says, are a result of the inspiration she receives through prayer.

"I am overwhelmed to give praise and glory and that is when I start painting ... I have never been so inspired," said Hille.

She painted briefly several years ago with her father, to offer what comfort she could in the last weeks of his life.

"He would wake up every night between 2 and 6 a.m. and we would paint landscapes together ... in those last two weeks, we completed four paintings," said Hille.

But after that brief interlude, Hille stopped painting until about two years ago, after a religious pilgrimage to Conyers, Ga. By the time she left for Conyers, apathy and depression over the loss of first her father, and then her mother, had caused Hille to eat uncontrollably until she grew up to a weight of almost 300 pounds.

Hille traveled to Conyers on a bus



Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter
Hille holds a painting of Our Mother of Guadalupe, the very first work she completed after returning from a pilgrimage in Conyers, Georgia.

filled with other Coast residents, in the only available seat, making it the first time she had ever traveled anywhere alone. Once there, they were joined by about 100,000 pilgrims from all over the country, Hille said.

"My family was shocked and had no

idea what I was doing ... I had to leave in the middle of the night and there was Squeaky, my husband, seeing me off, this fat lady, with no clear idea of where I was going or who I was going with, but still lending his support," said Hille.

The apparitions she witnessed at Conyers, the Blessed Mother and the Miracle of the Sun, and the renewal of faith she experienced there, she said, were life-changing.

Once she returned, Hille decided to give up something she loved for Jesus in thanks of the new peace and strength she had found through him. She gave up the thing she loved best, ketchup, and as a result, all the things ketchup went on. "Everything I ate," said Hille. Pretty soon the weight began to come off. In a year and three months, Hille lost 160 pounds.

A few months later, she got the overwhelming urge to paint again and has worked continuously ever since. This time, however, Hille no longer painted landscapes.

The subjects of her paintings since the pilgrimage are religious subjects -- guardian angels, the sacred heart of

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Parole denied in trooper's murder

Brother of victim petitions to keep Krecic in prison

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

After intense lobbying by Hancock and Harrison County citizens, the state Pardon and Parole Board has denied parole of a woman convicted in the 1987 shooting death of Mississippi Highway Patrolman David Bruce Ladner.

Anita Krecic and a male accomplice, were convicted in the trooper's death. She was given a life sentence and had served less than 14 years.

On Dec. 12, her petition for parole came before the state board, but prior to the hearing, Kirk Ladner of Gulfport, one of the victim's brothers, and others began circulating a petition in Hancock and Harrison Counties. The petition was signed by more than 200 citizens, and asked the Parole

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Insurance agencies see brisk business

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Area insurance agencies are reporting brisk business, but no mobs of people rushing to beat the Jan. 1 dateline to obtain mandatory vehicle liability insurance.

"We've seen a slow and steady increase," Kelly Cannon, with State Farm in Waveland said. "But nothing like it was in Alabama when 55,000 people rushed to insurance agencies in 17 working days."

After trying for several years, the state legislature last year passed a mandatory auto insurance law for Mississippi. It requires motorists to carry liability insurance on every vehicle they own, and provides a penalty of up to \$1,000 if you're caught without the insurance. The fine may be reduced to \$100 at the discretion of a judge once you pur-

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RUFORD DESCHAMP
RITA DONNOW
JOE D. MCCULLOUGH
CLAUDIA MITCHELL
LUCY MARIA TOCA
TROY M. WALTMAN

BETTY AMOS
 Betty Laura Amos, 52, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000, in Ozark, Mo.

Mrs. Amos was born Dec. 25, 1947 in Gulfport. She owned and operated a drapery business, B-J Custom Works, and was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Omaha, Ark.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Parker.

Survivors include her husband, J.C. Amos; her mother, Omega Parker of Jackson; a stepson, Ronald Amos of Kansas City, Kan.; a stepdaughter, Shelley Ladner of Kiln; two brothers, Larry Peterson of Petal and John Mack Parker of Jackson; four sisters, Connie Schubring, Debbie Wagner, both of Jackson, Ann McLaughlin of Kiln and Troy Braud of Serinto, La.; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held yesterday at Bayou Talla Fellowship Church in Kiln. Adams Funeral Home in Ozark is in charge of arrangements.

BESSIE BROUSSARD

Bessie L. Broussard, 95, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, in Pass Christian.

Arrangements are incomplete at the Howard Avenue Chapel of Bradford-O'Keefe

Funeral Homes in Biloxi.

RUFORD DESCHAMP

Ruford Deschamp, 69, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2000, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Deschamp was a native and lifelong resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He attended school in Dedeaux and was a longshoreman and truck driver. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Deschamp; and his father, Ben Deschamp.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy N. Deschamp of Gulfport; a son, Joey Deschamp of Pass Christian; three daughters, Janice Galle of Hattiesburg, and Sheila Williams and Judy G. Deschamp, both of Gulfport; his mother, Cordelia Malley of Pass Christian; three brothers, Rubin Deschamp and Larry Deschamp, both of Pass Christian, and Ben B. Deschamp of Lizana; two sisters, Audrey Fay Dryden of Gulfport and Dorothy Jean Malley of Pass Christian; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Gulfport, followed by burial in Alfonso Malley Cemetery in Hancock County.

RITA DONNOW

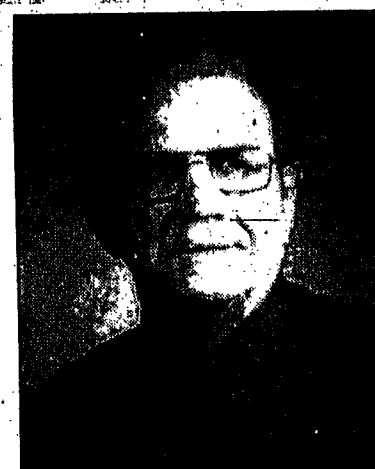
Rita Larroque Donnow, 95, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Donnow was a native and life-long resident of New Orleans.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph B. Donnow Sr.; a son, Joseph B. Donnow Jr.; her parents, Harriet Meyers Larroque and George Larroque; three sisters; and a brother.

Survivors include a son, Jack L. Donnow of Pass Christian; a sister, Harriet Cossee; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

A service was held yesterday at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home Chapel in Metairie, Louisiana.



JOE D. MCCULLOUGH

Joe D. (Mr. Mac) McCulloch, 81, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2000, at his home in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. McCulloch was born in Louisville, Miss. Oct. 24, 1919, and came to Bay St. Louis as principal of Bay High School in 1955, a position he held for

three years, then replaced longtime Superintendent S. J. Ingram as Bay High School's superintendent, a position he held until his retirement in 1986. Upon his retirement, the Tiger Stadium was named in his honor. He began his teaching career prior to coming to Bay High one year as principal/teacher at Sellers and two years at Dedeaux community schools in Hancock County.

He was a graduate of Old Miss where he received his master's degree in school administration. He was a veteran in the U.S. Army Air Corps stationed at Keesler Air Field. He enlisted in the Civilian Conservation Corps under President Roosevelt.

Mr. McCulloch was an active member of First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis and served as a deacon. He was a Rotarian for over 40 years and served as the 1967-68 president of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club and was also a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a member of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission for 12 years and had served as its president. He was president of the Gulf Coast School Board Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, C. Boyd and Willie Lee McCulloch; and a daughter, JoAnn McCulloch Cuevas.

Survivors include his wife, Lucile McCulloch of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Cheryl Iwanczyk of Slidell; a granddaughter, Stephanie Cuevas Johnston of Mobile, Ala.; a grandson, Stephen A. Cuevas of Bay St. Louis; and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services in the funeral home chapel and interment in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery & Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

CLAUDIA MITCHELL
 Claudia Jones Mitchell, 89, of Kiln, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Mitchell was a native of Natalbany, La. and was a nurses' aide for Crosby Memorial Hospital. She was a member of Central Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

Survivors include two sons, Roy L. Mitchell and Jerry A. Mitchell, both of Kiln; two daughters, Kathleen Penton of Picayune and Diane Doherty of Kiln; 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday at McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune with burial in Flat Top Cemetery in Picayune.

LUCY MARIA TOCA

Lucy Maria Toca, 99, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Dec. 19,

2000, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Toca was a native and longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emile Joseph Toca; her parents, Francis Clement and Margaret Ellis Bordages, Sr.; and a sister, Daisy Martha Bordages.

Survivors include a son, Clement Toca of Bay St. Louis; five grandchildren, Glenn Barry Toca of Metairie, Deborah Toca Bird of Pass Christian, Cheryl Toca Rambo of Gulfport, Gregory Mark Toca of Tainan, Taiwan, and Emile Clement Toca, II of Bay St. Louis; and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, Dec. 21, 10-11 a.m. at St. Ann Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor followed by a Mass of Christian Burial and interment at St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers donations to Quality Hospice of the Gulf Coast, P. O. Box 549, Biloxi, MS 39530.

TROY M. WALTMAN

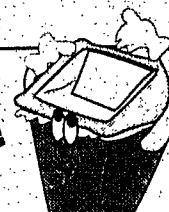
Troy Matthew Waltman, 28, of Long Beach, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Waltman was a native of Gulfport and a longtime resident of Long Beach.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Marion Joseph Waltman, Jr.

Visitation was Friday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by interment in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou in Kiln.

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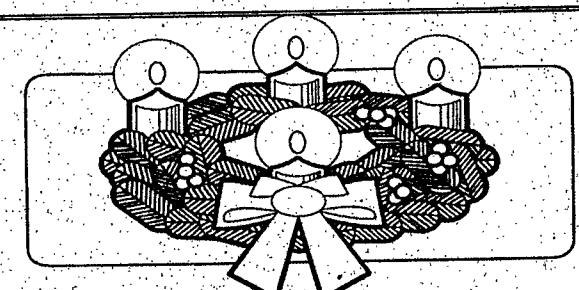
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As the lights twinkle upon the Christmas tree, a frown shadows over our face; knowing you are not around, not even a trace.

Christmas will not be the same this year without you here; knowing we would do anything to hold you near.

As the stars glitter up in the sky; we keep asking "God, Why?" We remember last Christmas was empty and dark.

Long hours and days we waited for you to come home; We had each other but we still felt alone.

Then realizing it was nothing but a Christmas wish that didn't come true; this was one time we would have given all our wishes in life just for you.

So we will put up and decorate the snow white tree that your brother presented to us when we were searching for you. Holding every wish and pray that you would come home to us where you belong.

We will place your picture next to the tree; that's all we have left of you, besides the wonderful and funny memories.

As we open our gifts from each other, we wish that you could be there to share it with us.

When we set the table we won't leave you out; you know how much you enjoyed Christmas at home, without a doubt.

Christmas is suppose to be cheerful and bright; without you here there is no light.

Ringo, we want you to know you will never be forgotten.

That you will be the star that we place on top of our Christmas tree each year; and our Christmas wish will be to have you near.

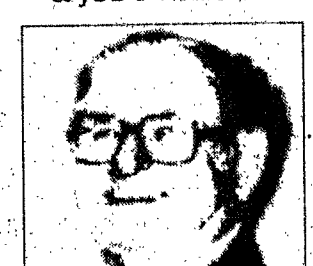
Ringo, we love you, & miss you very much.
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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from Nov. 27 through Dec. 9. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

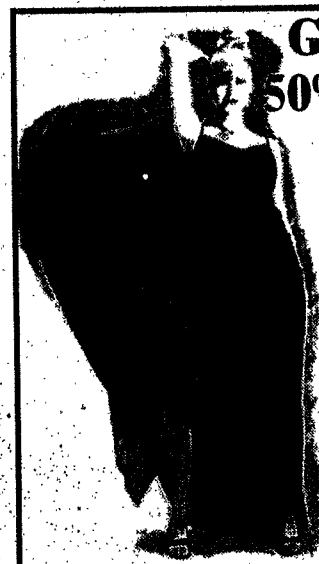
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• Michelle Lacoste, 7/18/79, suspended license, no MUI.
 • Bobby Lamar Boswell Jr., 11/25/70, simple assault (domestic).
 • Darryl Marvin Singleton, 4/9/58, transfer of controlled substance.
 • Beverly Kay Odom, 2/20/61, possession of controlled substance.
 • Dawn Lasserre, 5/10/60, simple assault (domestic).
 • Dennis Murphy, 3/1/62, DUI first, disorderly conduct.
 • Teresa Guest, 8/17/52, DUI.
 • Gregory Talley, 1/25/65, burglary.
 • Diane Ladner, 9/14/69, disturbing the peace.
 • Michelle Ladner, 1/30/80, disturbing the peace.
 • Robert Deyarment, 4/4/72, disturbing the peace, simple assault.
 • Richard Deyarment Jr., 6/30/67, disturbing the peace, simple assault.
 • Bruce W. Geddie, DUI first, suspended license.
 • Andria M. Page, 7/28/80, simple assault.
 • Christopher T. Shiyou, 12/4/72, simple assault.
 • Gene Jackson, 6/16/55, trespassing, resisting arrest.
 • Karla Drumm, 8/19/59, trespassing, resisting arrest.
 • Melissa M. Billings, 9/11/56, simple assault.

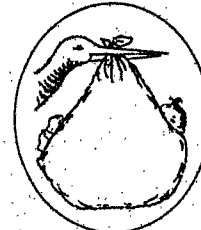
1/29/76, grand larceny.
 • Elizabeth M. Tippit, 8/24/37, DUI first.
 • Thomas R. Denkler, 3/17/74, suspended license.
 • Steven Edward Jackson, 12/21/66, DUI first.
 • Tammy Lynn Stoufflet, 9/12/79, disorderly conduct.
 • David L. Hilton, 5/6/65, telephone harassment.
 • David M. Brown, 8/11/77, contempt of court -- failure to appear.
 • Henry F. Schwartz, 5/7/61, contempt of court.
 • Richard M. Thornton, 8/15/66, contempt of court.
 • Don Eugene Henderson, 8/13/56, DUI third.
 • Judith Theresa Schwartz, 2/12/56, public intoxication.
 • Christopher Mark Hood, 9/26/70, DUI first.
 • Angela C. Coulter, 10/13/59, trespassing.
 • Richard Coulter II, 12/15/81, trespassing.
 • Rodney C. Curry, 9/12/61, hold for Pass P.D.
 • Mark Tomossone, 5/19/71, public intoxication.
 • William C. Bryant Jr., 7/11/61, disturbance of family.
 • Rodney Anthony Hingle, 9/18/66, public intoxication.
 • Edouard Poinsette, 8/7/59, burglary of a commercial building.
 • Robert Lee Wetzell, 11/20/57, contempt of court.
 • Glenn Dysart, 10/26/55, DUI first.
 • Norman E. Byrd, 6/22/63, mittimus.
 • Little Joe West, 1/18/66, telephone harassment.
 • Wallace Clayton Russell, 9/11/56, simple assault.

• Paula Tomasich, 7/2/58, robbery, probation violation.
 • Kirk J. Wood, 8/7/64, simple assault (domestic).
 • Lorenza E. Alexander, 3/16/78, shoplifting.
 • Robert Sutman, 3/11/54, DUI first.
 • Donald A. Titus Jr., 3/26/59, shoplifting.
 • Rusty Peterson, 11/2/75, DUI third.
 • Gary Hawkins, 3/7/65, probation violation.
 • Jennifer Kennedy, 1/23/71, malicious mischief.
 • Ruby Ann Hoda, 10/6/46, shoplifting second offense.
 • Yulunda Karen McAlister, 2/8/61, disturbance of family (domestic).
 • Catherine Hampton, 9/19/57, disorderly conduct.
 • Vernon W. Dahl, 12/23/74, suspended license.
 • Robert Daniel Brock, 7/2/75, suspended license.
 • Brent Laneaux, 1/11/80, hold for court.
 • Franklin Dale Blankenship, 9/24/58, DUI first, suspended license.
 • George Paul Gorman, 5/18/73, suspended license, possession of paraphernalia, giving false information to police officers.
 • Elizabeth N. Martin, 11/9/56, robbery.
 • Crystal S. Ballard, 3/29/82, probation violation.
 • Jerome Smith, 7/9/61, wanted person -- hold for Florida and Louisiana authorities.
 • Kenneth R. Gieseler, 12/14/56, DUI second, suspended license.
 • Jamon Devon Terry, 3/31/82, contempt of court.

• Barbara O'Brien, 5/17/55, simple assault.
 • Karmonaus A. Washington, 5/6/79, suspended license.
 • Gary W. Bourgeois, 8/26/62, public intoxication.
 • Joseph G. Williams, 10/18/82, disorderly conduct.
 • Justin B. Shanks, 4/13/75, suspended license.
 • Kathleen Gerdes, 1/30/57, DUI first, wanted person -- hold for Texarkana.
 • Paul J. Wainwright, 12/2/56, public intoxication.
 • Rudolph C. Rosemond, 3/31/38, DUI first.



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Supervisors, legislators set upcoming legislative agenda

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Hancock County supervisors summoned the county's legislative delegation to its recessed meeting Monday to make sure everyone would be on the same page when the state legislature convenes in January.

The meeting was also seen as a "clearing the air" discussion, since some supervisors publicly complained about the county's representation when Hancock County did not get any Tideland funds in the last round of funding.

"I would have liked a workshop session where we could let our hair down and talk more frankly," Board President Rocky Pullman said. "But, because of the time constraints, we called you all here today."

At the table facing supervisors were state Sen. Scottie Cuevas, and state Reps. Dirk Dedeaux and J.P. Compretta.

Compretta, the senior of the delegation, said he had received several resolutions asking the county delegation to introduce several local and private bills in the upcoming session.

One, requested by the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission and the Board, would allow, cities and counties to join with private investors in order to share in the cost of incentives, such as road work and other improvements needed to lure new industries into the county's industrial and technological parks.

"We've had a communications problem on economic development in Hancock County," Cuevas told supervisors.

He said the county might sometime change its stance on an incentive bill or a funding bill after its already been introduced and is working its way through the legislature, and that makes it even more difficult to get the bill passed.

Another request made by

supervisors is to raise the homestead exemption from the present \$60,000 to \$75,000 for the elderly and disabled.

Dedeaux said he may look into legislation to allow a private developer to build a water park at the state-owned Buccaneer Park.

Other possible legislation discussed included:

• A bill to allow Sheriff's Department's to use radar to catch speeders on state-aid roads. Compretta said the Mississippi Sheriff's Association, which had opposed the proposal in the past, now supports it, but it still may have difficulty passing the full legislature.

• A local and private bill that would allow Hancock County to contribute as much as \$20,000 a year to the Save Our Children program.

• A bill to allow county employees to enroll in the state's Health Insurance program since cities and counties across the state have complained about escalating insurance costs.

• A bill giving the state Public Service Commission the

power to regulate cable television rates.

• A bill to raise the per diem paid to those serving on county Boards and Commissions.

Pullman and other supervisors also complained Hancock County was not getting its share of highway funds, but Compretta said because of priorities and funding set by the legislature in 1987, there was very little that can be done about it.

Pullman wants state Hwy. 43 four-laned to McLeod Park, and Hwy. 603 four-laned past McLeod Park and turn lanes on Hwy. 43. He said the Mississippi Department of Transportation is doing a poor job of cutting grass along state highways in Hancock County, although he has complained several times to Southern Highway Commissioner Wayne Brown.

Compretta said there may be efforts in the coming session to "do away with the elected officials." Mississippi is the only state that elects three highway Commissioners who decide where transportation money is spent.

Police have lead in bank job

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Waveland police have a lead on the man who allegedly robbed a branch of Hancock bank in the city on Dec. 7, Police Chief Jimmy Varnell said on Friday. Investigators from the department are working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation on a lead which has taken them into the state of Louisiana, Varnell said.

The branch, located at 701 Hwy. 90, in Our Shopping Center, was robbed by a white male who appeared to be in his early to mid-20s. The man walked up to a teller, handed

her a note asking for money, and ran away after she turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to him.

The suspect did not display or imply a weapon and no one else in the bank knew what was going on until after the suspect had left the premises.

The man was described by Varnell as being about 6 feet tall, about 180 to 190 pounds, and dressed in jeans, a white T-shirt with a button down shirt over it, and wearing what may be an over-sized sheepskin coat. He was also wearing a fitted blue baseball cap. There were no other customers in the bank at the time of the robbery.

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Editorial

Remembering 'Mr. Mac'

Long-time Bay-Waveland Schools superintendent leaves important legacy

On Saturday, December 23, 2000, Joe D. (Mr. Mac) McCullough was laid to rest in Bay St. Louis, his adopted home.

Mr. Mac was a native of Louisville, Miss. and came to Hancock County in 1952 after he received his master's degree in school administration. He was a veteran of the US Army Air Corps and stationed at Keesler in Biloxi.

He first came to Hancock County as a principal/teacher at Sellers Community School for one year, followed by two years as principal/teacher at the Dedeaux Community School (this was before the consolidation of county schools into Hancock North Central) before arriving in Bay St. Louis in 1955 as principal of the Bay St. Louis school.

When longtime Bay St. Louis Superintendent S.J. Ingram retired in 1958, Mr. Mac moved up to superintendent. Ingram and McCullough served a total of 60 years as superintendents of the Bay St. Louis School System.

It is ironic that during both superintendents terms, major improvements were made within the school system. When Ingram took over in 1932, the school was in an old wooden building. During his tenure, a new modern brick Bay High was constructed on Carroll Avenue and the S.J. Ingram School on Ulman Avenue.

During McCullough's tenure, North Bay Elementary and Bay High's current facility on Blue Meadow Road were constructed.

This is in addition to many other facilities. For his first year as superintendent, Mr. Mac announced that Latin would be added to the school curriculum for 1958-59, saying that, "The language would be beneficial to students who plan to enter scientific fields of medicine, law, pharmacy, teaching and any other areas of study where language is needed."

Mr. Mac was someone special for the Bay St. Louis and Bay-Waveland School District. He was very professional in everything he did, and no one has ever had a more dedicated staff than his administration.

He was someone respected for his abilities and his determination in bringing up the educational requirements in his system.

As superintendent of education he had the job of educating the students of the school system, and he let nothing get in the way. School property was respected by staff and students alike.

If Mr. Mac told you he was going to do something, you could say it would be done.

Some may have not liked his decisions, but one thing is for sure, he was always a gentleman and scholar.

To his wife, Mrs. Lucile, daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and so many friends, Mr. Mac's foundation as superintendent of education for the Bay St. Louis and Bay-Waveland School District will continue to be carried on for many years to come.

Y2K was really nothing to worry about

A year ago at this time there was a lot of speculation going on throughout the world as to what was going to happen a week later when the year 2000 arrived.

Billions of dollars were spent all over the world in preparation for the turn of the century. In reviewing our archives of 1899, I never noted any considerable concerns locally or internationally about the arrival of the year 1900.

It turned out that there were really no big 'glitches' for the year 2000 as many had forecasted. True, many preparations were made, and if they had not been, there could have been some major problems.

It was interesting to us that the manufacturers of our typesetting equipment, which we were in the process of phasing out in 1999, had sent notices late in 1998 that the equipment would stop functioning at the end of the year of 1999.



Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

When I began my newspaper career in 1957, printing presses and typesetting equipment, such as linotype machines, would be around for 50 years or so before they would be replaced.

Of course, this was the age of 'hot type' printing, and I began my career at the upstart of the offset era, or as it is also called 'cold type,' as The Sea Coast Echo changed in December 1956 to the offset method of printing a newspaper. By the way, The Echo was among the earliest in the state and South

to changing from 'hot type' printing.

Over the years, especially with the introduction of computers in typesetting equipment, changes have been many at The Echo in order to keep up with the modern times.

During 1999, when we made our up-grade of typesetting equipment, just for the fun of it, we kept a few of the machines from our old system to see if the year 2000 would really shut them down. Guess what. They worked the same on January 1, 2000, as they did on December

31, 1999.

Sometimes the experts are not always right.

Starting at the 'grass roots' of the revolution with the typesetting and printing equipment during the last half of the 20th century, I can truthfully say, I am amazed at what can now be done with computers.

Who knows what the future will bring in the newspaper business as well as in other industries as we move through the 21st century.

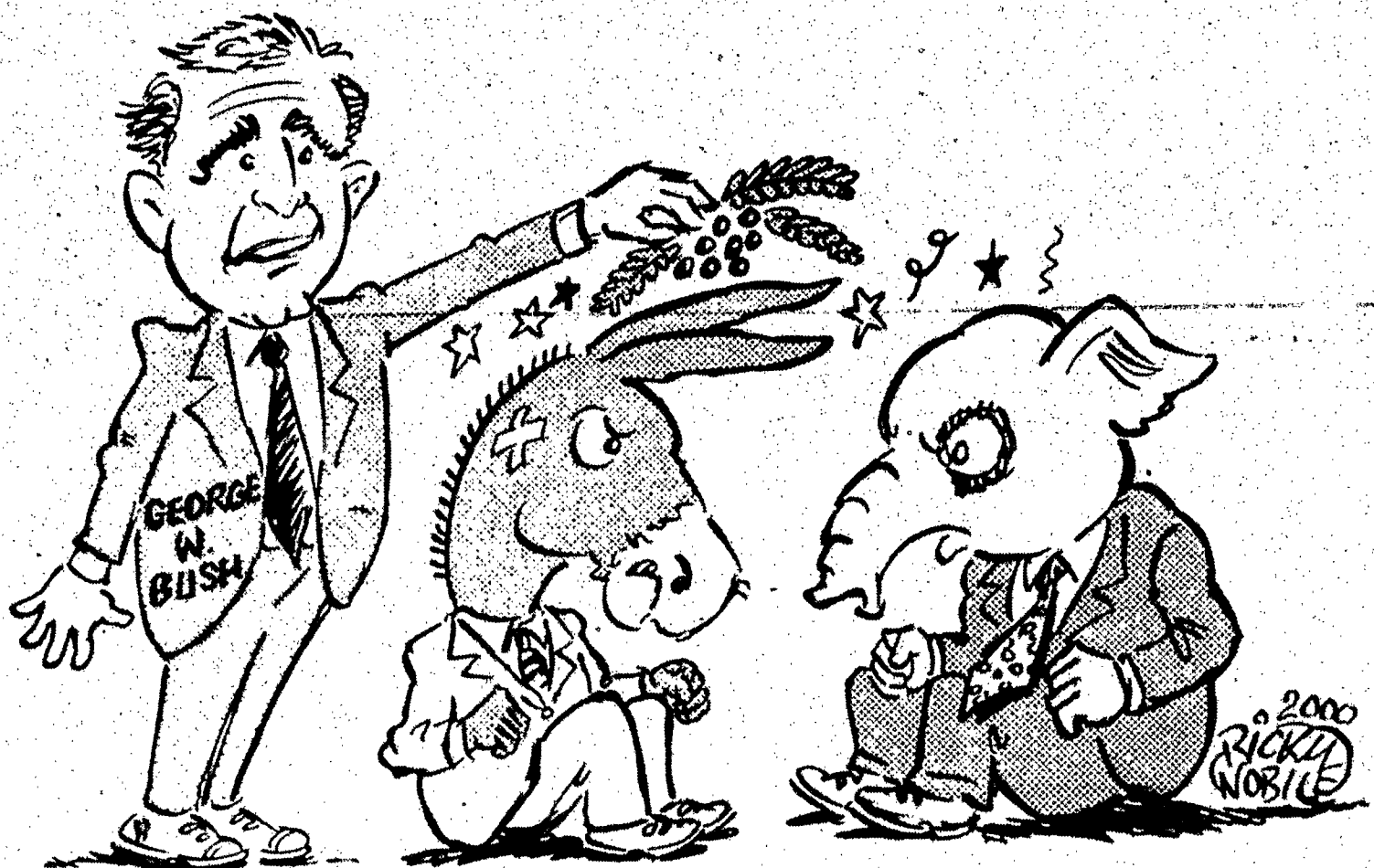
Hopefully, as we welcome the year 2001 in it will come as smoothly as 2000 arrived.

Christmas has different meanings to people across the world. To Christians, Christmas is celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

To our younger folks it means a time of the year to receive plenty of gifts, even more than

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PEACE ON EARTH...GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN



Letters to the Editor

\$500 fee for zoning appeal not fair to lower-income people

To the Editor,

This letter is in response to the Sunday Echo. The Board of Supervisors wants the Planning Commission to pass a fee of \$500 for an appeal of a decision that might be made.

We feel this fee is an exorbitant amount.

If a person doesn't have \$500 to go against the board's decision, then they have no other response. We feel this is being prejudicial against a person for not having \$500 just waiting to file an appeal.

I just called the Harrison County Courthouse to see how much they charge to file an appeal. Their answer was \$25 a sheet which seems fair for all involved.

To me this is just another way to keep the rich ahead of the poor.

The Zoning Board was voted in for the people by the people, so I feel the fee should be one that everyone can afford. The code says it's all right to charge a fee, but not \$500.

We, the people of Hancock County appeal the supervisors' decision on the \$500 to appeal the Zoning Board decision.

It should be \$100. This is another rich man's law. How many people can pay \$500? Not many. The ones with the money will always win. This is one-sided. The rich get richer. If you don't have \$500, you lose.

Letter signed by 18 area residents

A promise is a promise

To the Editor:

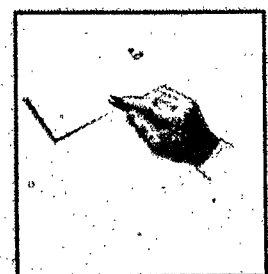
In recent years, the Mississippi Legislature, speaking for the people of Mississippi, made a promise - a promise to make education from Kindergarten through Graduate School a priority in

our state.

This promise was ensured through a commitment of funds to see that the promise was kept. Through this action, the Legislature let it be known that education is critical to the success of Mississippi and her citi-

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



zens - critical to economic development, critical to quality of life, critical to individual achievement, critical to our people becoming all that they can be.

Included in this promise was strong support for higher education. This support created a momentum of growth and expansion that is evident on every campus of our eight public universities.

New programs have been created, and others have expanded. New scope to include new course offerings and degrees. Top-notch faculty have joined our teaching and research ranks because salary increases had begun to close the gap between our salaries and those of neighboring states.

Entire university communi-

ties, including parents, alumni, and friends of the Institutions of Higher Learning, have seen their beloved campuses virtually transformed with millions of dollars in repair and renovation of historic university landmarks and new construction taking place all to meet the demands of a record number of students, more than 64,000 in Fall 2000, choosing to further their education at a Mississippi University.

As a result, 93% of those Mississippians seeking higher education doing so at a Mississippi college or university.

The momentum was seen not only on the campuses but also in economic growth and expansion for the citizens of Mississippi

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1985 -- grant improves area recreation

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

December 22, 1985 - Action by the Commission on Wildlife Conservation Monday cleared the way for its Bureau of Marine Resources to disburse monies up to \$90,000 to Hancock County, according to BMR Director Dr. Richard L. Leard.

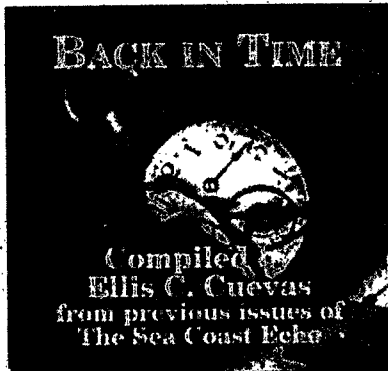
The Hancock County Board of Supervisors is in the process of finalizing their plans to improve the recreational potential of a 2.5-acre site on the banks of the Pearl River at Pearlington. Specifically the Board of Supervisors will improve access to the abundant water, fish and wildlife resources of the Pearl River, by the construction of a two-lane boat launch, attendant docking tie-up facilities, and vehicle and trailer parking area.

The \$60,000 grant will offer other improvements such as picnic area, and a fish cleaning area will be constructed to improve the overall recreational potential of this under-developed land. A \$30,000 grant is for the Curtis Johnson Park on property located in Hancock County on the Pearl River north of Interstate 10 and South of the National Space Technology Laboratories near the Old Napoleon Community.

Proposed site improvements are phased in two parts. Phase 1 improvements call for a boat ramp to be constructed at the terminal of an improve existing road due west of Pond No. 2. Pond No. 2 will be filled and a boat trailer parking area constructed in its place. A fishing pier, boardwalk and moorings piers will be constructed in the area of the boat ramp.

THIRTY-SIX YEARS AGO

December 17, 1964 - Robert V. Magee, science instructor at North Bay Elementary School, was named by trustees of the Bay St. Louis Separate Municipal School District Monday night to succeed the late Edward G. Harriel as elementary principal for the system.



mentary principal for the system.

Magee, who also has been administrative assistant for transportation, will continue those duties as well as teaching in his new post. He has been with the system about eight years. Pay for the post was fixed at \$6,500 a year.

Members of the new Gainesville Museum

Committee named to help preserve historical mementos of area being absorbed for NASA's Mississippi Test Operations posed for a photo on the steps of the old Logtown Post Office.

The officers are Roy Baxter, Jr., chairman; Grady Thigpen, first vice-chairman; Mrs. Fred Wagner, secretary; W.C. Mabry of MTO public affairs office, coordinator; Roland Weston, second vice-chairman; and Captain William Fortune, MTO manager.

FORTY-NINE YEARS AGO

December 21, 1951 - The last meeting of 1951 of the Bay-Waveland Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. Joseph R. Scharff Thursday, December 13. Co-hostesses for the afternoon were Mesdames Dan Russell, Sam Whitfield, Frank Kiefer, O.W. Delph, Charles R. Beyer, W. Rausch, J.R. Rollins, E.C. Samuel, and Rene DeMontluzin Jr.

The Scharff home was attractively decorated with a profusion of floral arrangements in the Christmas colors. A report was heard from Mrs. L.T. Boyd Sr., beautification chairman for

Waveland, who said that work had started on beautifying that city. Mrs. Joseph Kern, chairman for Bay St. Louis, did not report at this time.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

December 21, 1945 - Although the attractive reenlistment benefits currently offered are bringing large numbers of veterans back into its ranks, the Army also has considerable appeal to young Mississippians who have not experienced any previous military life.

Forty-nine per cent of the young men accepted for enlistment in Mississippi's eight U.S. Army Recruiting stations during the past week were enlisting in service for the first time.

Although many of these young men expressed a desire to

make the Army a career and plan to take full advantage of the Army's new 20-year retirement plan, the opportunity to travel and see the world is one of the strongest factors in inducing these young men to join the service.

The Army's liberal retirement plan, which makes it possible for a man to retire with as much as \$155 a month for the rest of his life after he has completed his service, is still the greater factor in bringing both returning veterans and original enlistees into the peacetime Army.

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Hancock High and Hancock Middle schools to begin daily breakfast programs

ECHO STAFF REPORT

Beginning Jan. 3, the Hancock County School District Food Service Department will expand its breakfast program to include Hancock Middle School and Hancock High School.

Currently, the program is in operation at all four elementary schools in the district.

Rhea Rutherford, director of School Food, invites faculty and students in grades 6-12 to participate in this expanded program.

In order to adhere strictly to the school day time frame, the breakfast program will operate from 7:20 a.m. to 7:40 a.m. each morning at Hancock Middle and Hancock High Schools.

Meal prices are \$1.50 for faculty/staff, \$.75 for full-price students and \$.30 for students on reduced price status.

School officials believe the

program will allow them to provide a badly-needed extra service to the middle and high school students, while at the same time bringing in extra income for the school food service program to help pay salaries and expenses.

Superintendent of Education Mike Ladner has called the program a "win-win" situation.

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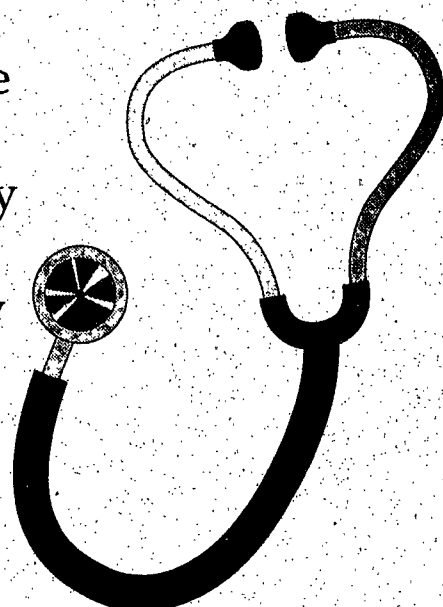
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through the cultivation of new economic development initiatives.

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In fact, a reversal to the FY 1999 funding levels for the universities will come about if the Legislative Budget Committee's recommendations are accepted by the full Legislature in the session that begins in January.

Mississippi cannot afford to reverse this momentum in any sector of education. Furthermore, we cannot afford to enhance one aspect of educa-

tion at the expense of another.

As I recently listened to a choir of middle school students, I was made acutely aware of the necessity of keeping our promise to our children. They sang a song entitled "We are the People of the 21st Century."

Coming from these bright, young faces were voices filled with hope for a future that rests on the promise that they will have the opportunity for a quality education from Kindergarten through Graduate School in their home state of Mississippi.

We dare not break this promise of providing the educational tools to enable them to assume the roles of responsible citizenship and leadership.

I urge you to let your voice be

heard. You can give the legislators the courage they need to make this educational commitment in these challenging times.

Call your representatives to let them know that you will stand with them as they keep their promises to the children of today and the leaders of tomorrow.

Ask your legislator to keep all of education strong in our state and avoid cuts to higher education's budget.

Carole Lynn Meadows
Chair IHL

Inter-Alumni Council

Editor's note: Meadows resides in Gulfport. She is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and is on the faculty of Gulf Coast Community College.

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on their birthdays.

To many families it means bringing family members together from many miles for a once-a-year reunion. This also applies to renewing old friendships.

For students it means no school for about two weeks.

For our military, a portion will be home for the holidays,

which is great. On the other hand, the majority will not be, and it can be a very lonely time of year. I know that for sure, as I have been there.

For many of our elderly, who do not have family near, it can also be a very lonely time. If you know someone who has no family around, you may want to brighten their day by giving

them a visit or telephone call.

For some grandparents it is a joyous time to see the eyes of wonder and joy in their grandchildren.

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Library Tree Gala

Seventh and eighth grade students from Jeff Smallwood and Millie Breun's classes at Hancock Middle School helped to decorate the Hancock County School District's 6-foot artificial tree with ornaments hand-made by Hancock High Lodging & Hospitality and Charles B. Murphy first grade students. This year's theme,

"Celebrating Careers in Education," featured unique tree ornaments commemorating such professions as teacher, principal, cafeteria worker, bus driver, secretary, librarian, and many others. The tree, which received an honor tree youth award in the Hancock County Library System's Holiday Tree Gala, is on display at the Bay St. Louis branch of the library system until late December.

PRCC's vo-tech division offers night classes

Pearl River Community College's vocational-technical division will be offering a variety of night classes during the spring semester on the Poplarville campus.

Night class registration will be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4 Hancock Hall.

Night class offerings include:

- > **Document Formatting & Production** - This course emphasizes formatting and production of mailable letters, forms, reports and tabulations from rough drafts and straight copy. Tuesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- > **Word Processing Applications** - The course focuses on production of complex documents using advanced word processing functions. Production with accuracy is stressed and practice is given through a variety of documents for skill building. Tuesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- > **Music/Movement for Preschool Children** - Development of the preschool child in the areas of listening, singing and movement.

Planning musical/movement experiences for the preschool child. Mondays, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- > **Child Nutrition and Health Care** - Nutrition and health care for preschool children. Planning and implementing health, safety and nutritional experiences are an important part of the course. Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- > **Digital Electronics** - The uses for digital circuits are explored. A thorough treatment of the binary, octal and hexadecimal number systems and the conversion of numbers with different radix or bases.

Coverage is provided for the analysis of the various failure modes of digital integrated circuits and the test equipment that is required to provide trouble analysis. Tuesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- > **Control Systems I** - This is an introductory course to provide information on various instrumentation components and processes. Topics include

analyzing pressure processes, temperature, flow and level. Mondays, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- > **Systems Programming I** - This course is designed to teach the student advanced programming techniques. Students develop professional programming skills and implement software into automated manufacturing systems. Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- > **Bricklaying** - This course is designed to give the student experience in various types of walls, finishing and masonry construction techniques. Tuesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
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- > **Diesel Mechanics** - A

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For additional information, call (601) 403-1241, or visit the PRCC web site at <http://www.prcc.ms.us>.

Charity Baptist hosts New Year's Eve service

Charity Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis will host a special New Year's Eve service Dec. 31 at 6 p.m.

Ministers speaking will include Elder Doug Parker of Wiggins, Elder DeWayne McQueen of Wiggins, Elder Porter Soley of Lumberton, Elder Thomas Burdette of Franklinton, La., Elder James Spicier of Purvis, Elder Emmitt Anthony of Sider, La., and Elder William Davis, Jr. of Lucedale.

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King Ali'i Honua XXVI Don Perkins
and Queen Ruth Rhodes

Krewe of Diamondhead announces royal court

Krewe of Diamondhead announced at the Coronation Ball Dec. 2. Don Perkins was crowned as King Ali'i Honua XXVI, and Ruth Rhodes was crowned as his Queen.

The Royal Maids were Charlotte Reshew, Evelyn Kibler, Ethel Philip, Trinna Miller and Rochelle Buchanon. The Royal Dukes were: Bob McLeod, Bill Melton, Tom Satterlee, Rod Stelter, and Theo Allen.

King Don Perkins is a native New Orleanian. Before retiring in 1989 he was with the New Orleans Fire Department for 28 years. Five years ago he moved to Diamondhead with his wife Carrie of 39 years. They have three children and 11 grandchildren.

Perkins is a member of the Diamondhead Community Church and choir. He is a Shriner and 32nd degree Mason and is the current treasurer of the Square & Compass Club. In the Greater New Orleans area he was an officer and member of many philanthropic organizations.

In Diamondhead, he is a member of the Krewe of Diamondhead, Christmas Lighting Committee, Diamondhead Community Association, and a sponsor for the Performing Arts. His hobbies include golfing, gardening, reading, motorcycling, holiday lighting, and balloon art.

Queen Ruth Rhodes has a career with the federal govern-

ment. Rhodes was the first woman manager and branch chief with the Graphics Art Department of the Naval Oceanographic Office. She also established and chaired the Naval Oceanographic Recreation Association.

In addition, she helped establish and was the first president of the Pacific Palisades Chapter of the Federal Employed Women's Organization.

Rhodes and her husband, Dusty, a retired Navy Commander, have been active members of the Diamondhead community since 1993. She has served on the board of directors of the Diamondhead Garden Club, been a member of the Diamondhead Newcomers Club, served as an instructor of the Diamondhead Art Guild, is past president of the Diamondhead Women's Club, and served as the first queen of the Krewe of Selene.

She also belongs to the National Association for the Retired Federal Employees and is a member of the Diamondhead Community Church. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes are also members of the Diamondhead Community Association. They have five children and three grandchildren.

The annual Krewe of Diamondhead Mardi Gras ball will be at the Diamondhead Country Club Feb. 17.

The annual Krewe of Diamondhead Mardi Gras parade will roll on the streets of Diamondhead Feb. 24.

Trees experience a natural sugar high

By Norman Winter
MSU Horticulturist
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A sugar high may not be ideal in children, but our trees certainly have rewarded us this fall from the extra sugar in their systems. Mississippi trees are on a high from trapped sugar and are giving the prettiest color most of us can remember. It was just a few months ago some of us were criticizing ornamental pears because many got caught in a spring epidemic of fireblight, a debilitating disease.

Now the ornamental trees look like they are on fire with blazing crimson, orange and yellow all on the same tree. No one is complaining about the pears now, and they won't be in a couple of months when they are giving the landscapes pristine white flowers by the thousands.

Conditions for great fall colors boil down to cool night temperatures and warm, sunny days. The climate has the biggest effect on the production of anthocyanin pigments that intensify the red and scarlet colors. Conditions that favor these colors are sunny days and nighttime temperatures between 45 degrees and freezing.

Even though the chlorophyll content of the leaf declines in the fall, it is still important that photosynthesis take place. If an abundance of cloudy weather prevents photosynthesis from occurring, leaf color will be mediocre even if temperatures are ideal. This also can weaken the leaf, making it easy for a northern wind to blow it off the tree. Cool night temperatures limit the movement of sugar from the leaves. It also reduces the rate of respiration in the leaf, so some sugars are converted to carbon dioxide. Those sugars retained are converted to colorful anthocyanin pigments, hence the sugar high connotation.

Even with perfect climatic conditions, if we don't have the best species of trees, we are lost from the start. Start with a good species. The trees that have been most spectacular in my neighborhood are the hickories. Hickories have bold, yellow leaves that hold for a long time.

Sweetgums are next on my list for fall colors. Its attractive palmate leaves provide some of the deepest shades of orange and crimson. My neighbors laughed when I bought one and planted it in my landscape, but no one laughs in the fall when it puts on a colorful show.

Other than hickories, the best trees for yellow are the green ash, ginkgo and elm. The best trees for red, in addition to sweetgum and ornamental pear, are the black gum, red maple, Japanese maple and the red oak that has been equally spectacular. Two others that we overlook are the dogwood and the new Indian varieties of crape myrtles.

One of the prettiest trees starting to catch on across the state is the Chinese pistache. This tree is used sometimes as a rootstock for the pistachio in California. It thrives in

Mississippi and gives us some of our prettiest oranges and reds. It is a medium-to-small tree and will fit nicely in urban landscapes.

The Chinese pistache forms a spreading, umbrella-like canopy and attains a mature height of 40 to 50 feet with a width of 30 feet. This long-lived species should find wide acceptance for the landscape.

With good management, Chinese pistache grows 2 to 3 feet per year. Eliminate competition from grass or turf by applying mulch, proper fertilization and adequate water during the summer months.

With such a growth rate, the Chinese pistache will reach a reasonable size and begin to play a major role in the landscape within just eight to 10 years. These trees can be seen in and around Hinds Community College in Raymond as well as at strip malls in Jackson, in Grenada and along the Coast.

While the ornamental pears sometimes break in the face of winds and ice, the Chinese pistache has an extremely hard, durable wood. Female trees produce colorful fruit suitable to use like holly berries in decorations.

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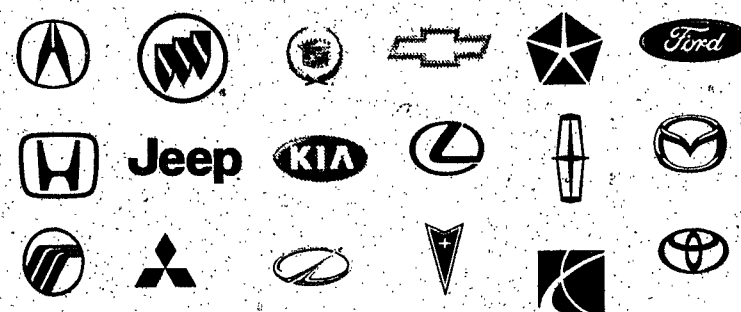
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SPORTS

Tide downs SSC 60-51, sweeps season series

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws and the seventh-ranked Picayune Maroon Tide locked horns in a classic battle on the hardwood in the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium in Bay St. Louis on Friday, December 22. The Maroon Tide defeated the Rocks earlier in the season by four points in Picayune and completed the sweep with a 60-51 win over the Rocks Friday with the top two scorers for St. Stanislaus on the bench.

The Maroon Tide led after the first period 19-13 with Randall Morrison scoring 10 points for the Tide in the opening stanza. The Rocks fought back in the second period taking a 29-28 lead into the break. Grady Willis sparked the Rocks in the second stanza with nine

points including a buzzer-beater to give SSC the lead. Willis went coast-to-coast with .05 left to score the bucket.

The Tide fired back in the third period behind the sharpshooting of Jonathon Patton. He led the Tide in the period with 10 points. The third period saw two technical fouls called on the Rocks that helped sway the momentum of the game toward Picayune.

The first half of the final period was a see-saw battle with the Rocks tying the game at 45-45 with 4:28 left to play. SSC scored the first six points of the period. However, Picayune exploded for 15 points in the final four minutes to claim the division win.

SSC mentor Jay Ladner commented, "With the game tied at 45-45, I think two things played

against us. One, we didn't block out well on defense. Two, we forced some things offensively."

"After the game was tied, they scored immediately and we didn't answer. That allowed them to get up six points on us and made it tough for us to get back in the game. I thought it was a hard fought game and another classic battle between Picayune and SSC. Hopefully, we will get another chance at them later on," Ladner commented.

The loss drops the Rocks to 14-5 overall and 3-2 in the division. St. Stanislaus was led by Grady Willis with 19 points and Jason Santiago with 15.

Picayune was led by Jonathon Patton with 21 points, Randall Morrison and Adrian Payton added 20 and 10 points, respectively, for the Tide.

Hawks split with Gulfport

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Hancock Hawks split a pair of games with the Gulfport Admirals in Hawk Arena on Thursday, December 21.

The Lady Hawks battled back from an eight-point deficit at the end of the third period to record a 48-45 win over the Lady Admirals.

In the boys game, the Hawks were tied with Gulfport 28-28 at the half, but the Admirals pulled away in the final period to win 59-41.

Gulfport took a 13-12 lead at the end of the first period. The Lady Hawks took a 23-19 lead over the Lady Admirals with a bucket by Devin Necaise with 2:34 left to play in the half.

Gulfport took a commanding 41-33 lead at the end of three periods of play only to see that lead slip away when the Lady Hawks went on a 9-0 run to start the final period. Hancock took the lead with 2:47 left to play when Wishonda Acker made a basket to give Hancock a 42-41 lead.

Acker's superb defensive play

kept the Lady Admirals off balance throughout the game. Hancock scored the final six points of the game to finish at 48-45.

Hancock head coach Pam Slayton stated, "The girls felt good during the game and played well coming from behind. Our free throws and clutch baskets were big positives for us tonight. Those are two things that have not been going our way so far this year."

"I thought Wishonda Acker gave her best performance all year tonight. She not only gave us a good defensive presence but also made some things happen for us offensively, as well. We had our lapses as a team tonight; however, they did not kill us. I thought we gave our best overall performance of the year as a team tonight," Slayton added.

The Lady Hawks were led by Brooke Necaise with 17 points and Devin Necaise with 16. The win improves the lady Hawks record to 9-10 overall. Their next game is scheduled for January 4.

In the boys contest, the Hawks and the Admirals were tied 28-28 at the intermission. The Admirals edged ahead in the third and outscored the Hawks 20-6 in the final period to claim the 59-41 win.

Cameron Durr and A.J. Magee took over for Gulfport in the final period as they surged past the Hawks. Durr led all scorers 23 points. Magee chipped in 17 points in the win. Jason Phillips led Hancock with 15 points.

Hancock head coach Michael Ladner commented, "We played well for three quarters. I thought fatigue was a major factor for us. When we got tired we forced shots or caused a turnover. I am pleased with our progress at this point of the season. We will continue to get better. Our main focus is to do a better job of managing the game offensively and taking good shots."

The Hawks fell to 8-8 overall and will play in the St. Martin's Christmas Classic in Metairie, LA, on December 27-29.

Hancock sweeps Petal

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Hancock Hawks pulled out the broom for a sweep of the Petal Panthers on Tuesday, December 19, in Kiln. The Lady Hawks surged in the second half to claim a 44-27 division win over the Lady Panthers. In the final game of the night, the Hawks used a solid final four minutes to record a 56-52 win over the Panthers.

In the girls game, Hancock jumped out to a 10-4 lead in the first period. The Lady Panthers scored the final seven points of the first half to make the score 18-14 at the break.

The Lady Hawks put together a strong third period to surge ahead 29-20. Hancock pulled away in the fourth period behind the scoring of Devin Necaise and the strong inside play of Twyla Hyatt. Necaise scored 11 points in the final period while Hyatt had two blocks and three steals in the period.

Hancock head coach Pam Slayton stated, "We played a solid game tonight. In the third period, we generated some offense and played consistent. We are developing confidence as a team and got the ball inside tonight. We had more balanced shooting instead of just one

shooter."

"And, our post players Twyla Hyatt, Kayla Stephenson, and LaTisha Shiyon played aggressive. Twyla Hyatt had her best defensive effort tonight. Kayla Stephenson started to feel very confident tonight inside. LaTisha Shiyon is probably the least experienced of the three post players and she started to show she can play tonight," Slayton added.

The Hawks were led by Devin Necaise with 17 points followed by Brooke Necaise with 11 points. Hancock is now 8-10 overall and 3-2 in the division.

The boys game provided a little more nail-biting excitement as Hancock pulled away from Petal in the final four minutes to win 56-52. Jason Phillips put the Hawks up 53-46 with 1:07 left on a steal and basket. But, Petal battled back to 54-52 with

16 left. Chase Cuevas iced the game for Hancock sinking two free throws with .14 left.

The game was tied 9-9 after the first period. Hancock scored the first nine points of the second period to surge to a 28-19 lead at intermission. However, Petal battled back in the third period outscoring Hancock 17-5 to take the lead after three periods 36-33.

Hancock head coach Michael Ladner commented, "We didn't play a particularly great first half. We came back to take the lead only to give it up. We have got to learn to play better when we are ahead. We need to get consistent. I thought Josh Ladner came off the bench for us tonight and played a very good game."

The Hawks were led Jason Phillips with 19 points. Zach Nelson and Cody Ladner added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Little League softball plans girls fastpitch

Hancock County Little League (formerly Bay St. Louis Little League) announced plans to play girls fastpitch softball at the new Lakeshore Field located next to Gulfview Elementary School.

The league is open to all girls ages 5-18 who reside in Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Waveland and Pass Christian.

Early-bird registration will be Saturday Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the following locations: Waveland Market, Wal-Mart, Sav-A-Center, Kmart, Jitney Jungle and Lakeshore Field.

Registration will be \$25 per child for this special registration. All subsequent registrations will be \$35 for the first child, \$30 for the second child and \$25 for every child thereafter.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a team or applying as a volunteer manager or umpire or helping in any other way can contact Herb Sires at 467-1291, Walter Gagnon at 467-6598, Frank Yanok at 467-4220, Bonnie Morlier at 466-6688 or 467-9796 or Wayne Keeton at 467-7418 or 467-3365.

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****Baltimore 24 N.Y. Jet 21**

In the potential game of the week, the Ravens defense will make the difference, lying in wait for the Jets to attempt to throw when their runners get nowhere. Baltimore won last, 24-10 in '98.

****Detroit 26 Chicago 12**

With Charlie Batch throwing two scoring passes and Kurt Schuler intercepting Cade McNown three times, the Lions beat the Bears in Week Four, 21-14. Detroit last swept Chicago three years ago.

Kansas City 19 **Atlanta 13

The only competent phase of the game for either K.C. or Atlanta on either side of the ball is the Chiefs' passing, which will make them 5-0 against the Falcons. They haven't met up since '94.

Miami 23 NewEngland 14**

As it did in the first Dolphins-Patriots battle in September, won by Miami 10-3, the Dolphins defense will dominate. If Miami is more than a playoff pretender, though, this win better be easier.

Minnesota 30 **Indianapolis 25

Another shootout, with the Colts and their top-notch air game fully capable of staying close by challenging the Vikings' Achilles' heel, pass defense. Minnesota has won five straight over Indy.

****New Orleans 28 St. Louis 24**

Not only were the Saints not intimidated by the Rams a month ago, they beat them 31-24 as reserve QB Aaron Brooks threw for one TD and ran for two. Two N.O. sweeps of St. Louis in three years?

****Oakland 32 Carolina 16**

For what it's worth, the Panthers are 1-0 against the Raiders and can move the ball through the air against Oakland's Vikings-like secondary. The Raiders offense, though, will dominate Carolina.

****Philadelphia 20 Cincinnati 13**

The lowly Bengals keep churning out more run yardage than anybody else in the AFC, and that's the Eagles' offense of choice, too. Their last meeting, in '97, was a thriller, a 44-42 Philly win.

Pittsburgh 14 **San Diego 13

This is no gimme for the Steelers, an all-run offense up against one of the conference's top defensive lines. Since '89 the Chargers have beaten Pittsburgh only in '94, their Super Bowl year.

Tampa Bay 17 **Green Bay 16

After knocking Brett Favre out of action, the Buccaneers beat the Packers in Week 11, 20-15. Records aside, this is an upset: T.B. hasn't won in G.B. in 11 years.

****Washington 22 Arizona 9**

If any single game foretold Redskins coach Norv Turner's demise, it may have been Washington's embarrassing, mistake-filled 16-15 loss to the Cardinals seven weeks ago. It won't happen again.

(Monday) **Tennessee 27 Dallas 14

There'll be no points scored by Tennessee through the air against the formidable Cowboys secondary, but aside from that, the Titans should have an easy time. Tennessee last beat Dallas in '97.

(Open date: Cleveland)

Baseball camp set

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws' baseball coaching staff will offer a Holiday Baseball Camp at the SSC Baseball Diamond, Wednesday through Friday, December 27-29.

The camp will focus on hitting, pitching, and defensive mechanics and will run from 9am-12 noon daily. The camp will be operated by the SSC baseball coaching staff and players.

Registration will start at 8am on December 27. The cost is \$50 per camper.

For more information, call Will Seymour at 466-0941.

Football contest winners announced

Mrs. Flo Brown of Bay St. Louis was the winner of the final week, December 16-17, of the Sea Coast Echo's football contest. The previous weekly winner, December 9-10, was Buddy Coffey, also of Bay St. Louis.

Each winner will receive a \$50. savings bond.

College football forecast

THE HARMON FORECAST
Sunday, Dec. 24

OAHU BOWL
Georgia 27
Virginia 16

Monday, Dec. 25
ALOHA BOWL
Boston College 20
State 17

Wednesday, Dec. 27
MOTOR CITY BOWL
Cincinnati 21
Marshall 14
GALLERY FURNITURE
Texas Tech 16
East Carolina 13

Thursday, Dec. 28
HUMANITARIAN BOWL
Boise State 28
Texas-El Paso 21
MUSIC CITY BOWL
Mississippi 18
Virginia 15

MICRONPC.COM BOWL
Minnesota 24
North Carolina State 19
INSIGHT.COM BOWL
Pittsburgh 17
Iowa State 13

Friday, Dec. 29
LIBERTY BOWL
Louisville 21
Colorado State 19
SUN BOWL
Wisconsin 30
U.C.L.A. 24

PEACH BOWL
Georgia Tech 27
L.S.U. 17
HOLIDAY BOWL
Texas 28
Oregon 19

Saturday, Dec. 30
ALAMO BOWL
Nebraska 25
Northwestern 15

Sunday, Dec. 31
SILICON VALLEY CLAS-
SIC Air Force 28
Fresno State 27

INDEPENDENCE BOWL
Texas A&M 20
Mississippi State 16

Monday, Jan. 1

OUTBACK BOWL

Ohio State 23
South Carolina 17

COTTON BOWL
Kansas State 26
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BUSINESS NEWS

Hancock Bank announces VP, AVP promotions

Hancock Bank President and Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel recently announced vice-president and assistant vice-president promotions approved during the Hancock Holding Company and Hancock Bank Board of Directors regular December 2000 meeting.

New Hancock vice presidents and assistant vice presidents include:

Ruth Haley Vice President

Currently the manager of Items Processing, Haley began her career with Hancock Bank 17 years ago in the proof department. Supervising over 80 staff members, the Mathis, Texas, native oversees one of Hancock's largest departments.

Haley attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and completed several American Institute of Banking (AIB) courses.

She serves as treasurer of the Gulf Coast Postal Customer Council and on the St. Joseph's Church (Naval Construction Battalion Center) parish advisory council.

Kathleen McKeague Vice President

A Convent Station, N.J., native, McKeague attended Moore College and graduated from Tulane University. She also completed numerous AIB courses.

McKeague joined Hancock Bank as a loan review officer in June 1997 with 19 years of banking experience, including loan review, corporate lending, private banking, and branch management.

She is a loan review analyst for Hancock. McKeague serves as an instructor for Hancock's credit training program and a member of the mock loan committee for the Commercial Lending and Consumer Lending schools.

Anthony C. Montgomery Vice President

Montgomery, a Biloxi native, came to Hancock Bank in July 1994 as a retail lender. He currently manages Hancock's Loan-By-Phone department.

A Biloxi High School alumnus, Montgomery holds a bachelor of business administration degree in management and marketing from The University of Mississippi and attended the Mississippi School of Banking.

He is a member of the Gulfport School System H.O.S.T. student mentoring program, the Biloxi School District mentor programs, the Gulfport School District Youth Leadership board of directors, the Boys and Girls Club Forest Heights board of directors, the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center board of directors, the Goodwill Citizens advisory board, and the Kiwanis Club of Gulfport board of directors.

Robert Morrison Vice President

Originally from Long Beach, Morrison attended St. Stanislaus High School in Bay St. Louis and received a bachelor of business administration degree from Loyola University in New Orleans. He joined Hancock Bank in January 1995 with over 20 years of experience in mortgage origination.

Currently, Morrison manages mortgage loan production for Hancock Mortgage Corporation. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Gulf Coast Realtors Association, the Mississippi Homebuilders Association, the Coast Mortgage Bankers Association, the National Association of Peace Corps Volunteers, and the Gulfport Yacht Club. Morrison is also a Hancock University instructor.

Michele L. Chaffin Assistant Vice President

Chaffin is a graduate of Harrison Central High School and attended Mississippi Gulf

Coast Community College. A Saucier native, she began her career with Hancock Bank 20 years ago as a teller.

Promoted to assistant personnel officer in 1996 and personnel officer in 1997, Chaffin now serves as manager of the Hancock Bank Payroll and Benefits/Compensation Incentives departments.

She is a member of the American Payroll Association and is currently pursuing benefits certification through World at Work.

Beth Elrod

Assistant Vice President

McHenry native Elrod attended Harrison Central High School and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. A Hancock Bank employee since July 1985, she also completed numerous AIB courses.

Elrod currently serves as a business systems liaison for the Mission Centennial loans release and holds numerous software certifications. She volunteers as an AWANA Youth Christian Program leader.

Robert E. Ferrara

Assistant Vice President

With over 10 years of trust experience, Ferrara joined Hancock Bank two years ago as the release manager for the Department of Trust Enterprise project and now serves as Hancock's trust compliance officer and technology liaison.

Ferrara, a certified public accountant, is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants.

New Orleans native Ferrara attended Archbishop Shaw High School in Marrero and holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of New Orleans. He attended the Cannon Financial Institute Trust School and was formerly associated with a large New Orleans bank.

Scott Hall, CBCP

Assistant Vice President

Formerly affiliated with a Birmingham, Ala., financial institution, Hall joined Hancock Bank in March 1998 as the disaster recovery planning manager.

He was graduated from Mississippi State University with a bachelor of business administration degree and recently received a master of business administration degree from William Carey College.

Hall is education host for the Southeast Business Recovery Exchange, membership vice president for the Association of Contingency Planners, a Disaster Recovery Institute International member, a Jefferson County (AL) Emergency Management Agency affiliate, and an AIB member. He also attended Hancock's Pro School and Leadership School. Hall is a native of Columbus, Miss.

Cherie S. Randall

Assistant Vice President

Gulfport native Randall came to the Hancock Bank Comptroller in October 1996 as a financial analyst with over 15 years of financial experience.

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Morrison



Randall



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Hall



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Sansone

graduate, she holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi and successfully completed the certified public accountant examination.

Randall now serves as Hancock's accounting and financial reporting manager. Randall is a member of the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Tim Sansone

Assistant Vice President

With over 13 years of financial services experience, Sansone joined the Hancock team in 1991. Originally an assistant loan officer with Hancock's leasing department, he is now leasing manager.

A Mobile, Ala., native, Sansone attended the University of South Alabama and graduated from the Mississippi School of Banking. He is a Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce ambassador, a third-degree Knights of Columbus member, and an instructor for Hancock's Commercial Credit School.

Hancock Holding Company (NASDAQ: HBHC), the parent company of Hancock Bank (Mississippi) and Hancock Bank of Louisiana, has assets of \$3 billion.

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The USM Small Business Development Center is offering a computer workshop, "Quickbooks/Quickbooks Pro For Small Business" on Saturday, Jan. 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the USM Small Business Development Center Computer Resource Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach. Lunch will be 12-1 p.m. on your own.

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NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from Southern the Regional Wastewater Management District. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

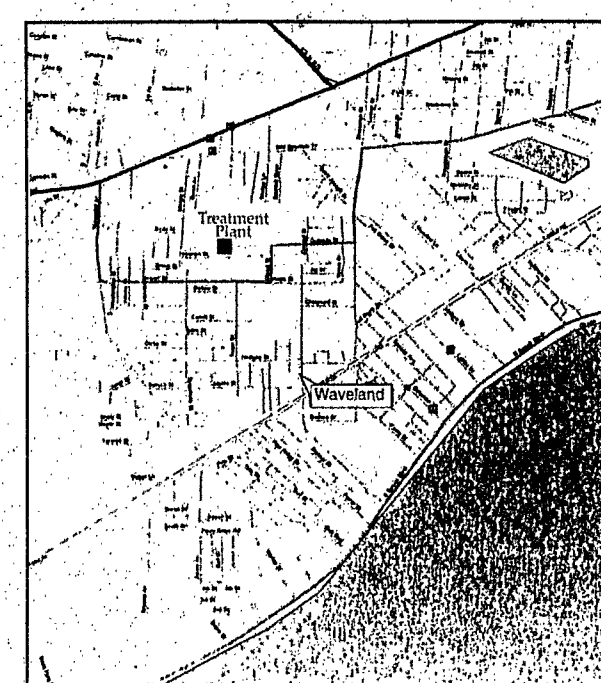
Due to the growth of the Waveland, Bay St. Louis and Hancock County areas, the Department of Environmental Quality has determined that more stringent discharge limits will be imposed on the District and alternative discharge locations will be required. The current discharge point is Edwards Bayou, which ultimately discharges into the Jourdan River. The existing discharge allows for a monthly average flow of 4.9 mgd with monthly average constituents of 10/30/2 mg/1 (BOD5/TSS/NH3-N) and 200 Col. for Fecal Coliform. During the past year, there have been reported violations of the NPDES Permit. Therefore, the District is proposing to enlarge the treatment capacity and reduce discharge into the Edwards Bayou and the Jourdan River.

The proposed project is located within the 100-year flood plain however the existing treatment facility is already located in the area. There will be no environmental consequences with the proposed upgrade. The Corps of Engineers has advised that the project is subject to their Federal permitting authority. Based on the Corps of Engineers recommendation, a wetland consultant was contacted to perform the necessary survey. This survey has been furnished to the Corps of Engineers for their permitting requirements prior to the start of construction.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment area available for review at Rural Development 132 Mayfair Rd., Suite C, Hattiesburg, MS 39402. For further information contact Robert W. Windham, Rural Development Specialist Phone No. 601-261-3293.

Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project should submit comments to the address above by Tuesday, January 9, 2001.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below:



The Sea Coast Echo

BUSINESS NEWS

Casino Magic donates year round to charities

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has hosted monthly charity slot tournaments for a full year and has donated over \$10,000 to local charities.

Additionally, tournaments have yielded toys, pet food and grocery certificates for various charities.

For Thanksgiving, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis management gave team members turkeys.

Many team members chose to donate their turkeys to charity. This year, over 200 turkeys plus non-perishable food items were donated to the Hancock County Food Pantry.

With \$700 of the charity slot tournament proceeds, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis hosted a

community children's Halloween party at the Bay St. Louis Depot. Children from the community were able to trick-or-treat in a safe environment, play games, win prizes and eat hamburgers and hot dogs, all courtesy of the casino.

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis also contributes to its employees. Over \$50,000 was donated to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis team members through the Magic Employee Community Assistance (MECA) fund.

MECA is a fund specifically designated members who have a crisis or hardship. Bake sales, book fairs, and other sales at team member events support this fund.

Anteon Corporation completes integration of A&T subsidiary

Anteon Corporation, a leading information technology and e-business solutions company, recently announced it will complete the integration of its Analysis & Technology (A&T) subsidiary into its corporate structure as of January 1 and that the combined entity will be known as Anteon Corporation.

Analysis & Technology was acquired by Anteon in June 1999 and has operated as a wholly owned subsidiary since that time. Most A&T offices will remain in current locations and

signage is being changed to reflect the name Anteon.

Joseph M. Kampf, president and CEO of Anteon said, "The tradition of customer focus and commitment to quality shared by Anteon and A&T has formed a powerful force in the information technology and engineering services industry."

Anteon Corporation, headquartered in Fairfax, Va., is a leading information technology and e-business services company providing support to the federal government, commercial and international sectors for 24 years.

With annual revenue of \$600 million, the company has approximately 5,000 employees in over 80 offices worldwide. Anteon has been acknowledged as a top information technology integrator by a survey of federal agency customers conducted by Federal Computer Week and by numerous other independent sources.

Anteon Corporation is privately held firm owned principally by affiliates of Caxton-Iseman Capital. For information, visit <http://www.anteon.com>.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by
Craig Foster
Edward Jones Co.

"Chat rooms" can be hazardous

Without question, you can get a lot of valuable material from the Internet. But when it comes to investment information, you may want to ask a lot of questions about what you see online - especially in the so-called "chat rooms."

The potential danger of following Internet investment tips was made clear by the recent arrest of a 15-year-old boy who made almost \$300,000 by hyping obscure stocks in a chat room.

The boy was not a financial prodigy, but he was smart enough to know that if he aggressively talked up the "merits" of lightly traded stocks - which he owned he could help drive their prices up.

Although the boy was caught, many others are not. The fact is that chat rooms are largely unregulated - and they're open to contributions from just about anyone who cares to submit his or her ideas.

Why do people follow chat room "tips"? Part of the reason may be the perceived benefits of getting "breaking news" or "inside information." Many investors are looking for that extra edge that can lead to instant riches.

The truth is that hot tips and inside scoops may sound glamorous, but they're often misleading. And they can be devastating to overeager, but unwary, investors.

Does that mean you should

never venture into an investment chat room? Not necessarily. Chat rooms can actually be used to exchange useful investment information, and most contributors are honest people who share a common interest in investing.

If you visit one of these rooms, you may get some camaraderie and some substance. But you need to keep one cardinal rule in mind: Never make an investment based solely on what you learn from a chat room.

When you're in a chat room, how can you tell the difference between legitimate ideas and self-motivated scams? To begin with, look for telltale words or phrases such as "risk-free returns," "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" and "you must act now." And be suspicious of tips that come from anonymous or first-time participants.

If a chat room contributor does recommend a particular stock, and you are interested, how can you check it out? Do your homework. Conduct some research on the stock. Find out what the company does, who manages it and what its prospects are. Pay special attention to how actively the stock is traded; thinly traded stocks are easier to manipulate.

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Submitted by Craig Foster, Edward Jones Co.

Business workshop offered

The USM Small Business Development Center is offering a workshop, "Show Me The Money!" on Thursday, Jan. 18, 1-3:30 p.m. at the Gulf Coast Business Technology Center, 1636 Popps Ferry Road, Biloxi.

The fee for this workshop is \$10 per person in advance or \$15 per person at the door.

For information, contact the USM Small Business Development Center at 228-865-4578.

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Artist -- Our Lady

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Jesus, Our Lady of Lourdes, and others -- each one emanating with that special aura given to a piece that comes from the heart.

"At times, the urge to paint was so strong that I painted all night," said Hille. "I knew God must have purpose for my paintings so I thought I would try selling them at a local art show, but no one seemed interested, so I brought them home and hung them here."

Hille and her brother run the local KOA campground. Since her transformation, when people came by to register, they would look at the paintings and Hille would share her stories and her faith with them and invite them in to pray. Soon, she said, she found her door was opening to people 24 hours a day.

Soon after, she got the opportunity to open a religious gift shop, Our Lady of Lourdes, also located at the KOA.

At that point, with her life so changed and so centered around her faith, Hille prayed to be shown a way to give back to the Blessed Mother as well. The inspiration she received led her to start a prayer group that meets on the 13th of each month, in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, whom Hille feels led her to Conyers.

Hille recently returned from

a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Yugoslavia. She traveled there with a Caritas group along with three other locals. At Medjugorje, the Blessed Mother has allegedly been appearing to six visionaries since 1981.

The village has attracted 25 million pilgrims to witness the apparitions that take place there almost daily. Each month, one of the visionaries passes on to the public a message received from the Blessed Mother.

Hille said that as you approach the village, located recently in a war zone, that you see evidence of bombing all around but no bomb damage in the village, or nearby Apparition Hill. "Pilots flying the planes have become converts themselves when they realize that it is impossible to bomb this holy place," said Hille.

She said she realizes that the possibility of such miracles may seem far fetched to some, and was hesitant at first to even make her story public. "But I have experienced such a miraculous change in my life ... I wanted to share my story with others who may be ready for change in their lives ... I don't believe in coincidence ... if you believe, through faith, change will come."



Echo staff photo by Bennie Shalibetter
Hille's painting of the Blessed Mother of Medjugorje, who has appeared to six visionaries on an almost-daily basis since 1981.

Insurance -- liability required

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chase the insurance. The legislation also provides stiff penalties of up to \$10,000 for fraudulently claiming you have insurance.

Cannon said the age of persons coming into the office to purchase insurance runs the gamut from the young to the old.

He said he hasn't had to extend office hours yet, "but, we will, if we think it's necessary."

Dave Treutel, President of Treutel Insurance in downtown Bay St. Louis, said his business has increased in the last two weeks.

He said he often advises clients on what liability limits they should carry.

"If you're just out of college, you might want to carry the basic liability," said Treutel. "But, if you've acquired a home and other assets, you might want to increase your liability

limits because you could lose everything if you're in an accident and get sued," he said. "There's no one-size fits all policy," he said.

Treutel said there seems to be better compliance in the Hancock County area since many of the residents are military or employed at Stennis or with other military contractors, which already require them to carry liability insurance.

Treutel testified before several House and Senate committees during last year's debate over the proposed legislation. "The legislature put some teeth into this bill," he said.

He had some strong warnings to anyone who might fraudulently claim they have insurance or show an I.D. card for a policy that has expired. "You could get fined up to \$10,000," he said.

At the Farm Bureau offices

in Bay St. Louis, secretary Jennifer George had time to read a book Friday.

"We get calls every single day," said George. "But, it was stupid to have the legislation take effect Jan. 1. People are busy shopping and thinking about Christmas," she said.

She predicted, "There will probably be a big rush after Christmas."

At Prudential, agent-owner Tommy Seuzencau reported, "We've probably experienced a 50 percent increase in business in the last two weeks." He said it was his feeling, "65 percent of the people in Hancock County don't have insurance, compared with about 80 percent in Alabama."

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Parole

Board to deny Krecic's release.

In the petition, Ladner said, "Our family has suffered greatly in the past several years and will continue for many years to come. The release of Anita Krecic would truly be a slap in the face to all those officers who put their lives on the line every

day, as well as the attorneys, judges and jurors who worked so diligently and believed she would be in jail for the rest of her life."

Ladner and others opposing the parole met in Jackson with members of the parole board prior to the hearing, and presented the petitions.

According to a spokesman in the Parole Board's office, Krecic will now have to wait another five years before she is eligible for parole.

Waveland man suing county, road contractor

ECHO STAFF REPORT

Hancock County and a road contractor are being sued by a Waveland man, claiming he tripped on debris left in his driveway.

Roy F. Amadee claimed in a lawsuit filed July 31, 1999, he stepped on a rock concealed by other construction debris left in his driveway at Lafitte Street and Beach Boulevard.

HueyStockstill, Inc., was resurfacing Lafitte Drive under a county contract. Amadee is seeking \$50,000 for broken bones and ligament damage.

At Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting, supervisors voted to turn the suit over to the board's insurance company.

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City of Waveland, Mississippi
The Waveland Aldermen will not conduct a workshop meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2001.

The regular Waveland Aldermen's meeting will take place at 6:30pm, Wednesday, January 3, 2001 in the board room located at City Hall Annex, 307 Coleman Ave, Waveland, MS.

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'The best gift I ever got'

Stories submitted to Evelyn Watkins' 7th Grade Language Arts Class Bay-Waveland Middle School

Zach Hardie

The best gift I ever received was a four-wheeler. It was on my eleventh Christmas. I got it in Bay St. Louis at my house. My mom and dad bought it for me.

On Christmas Eve I helped my mom wrap gifts, and then I drank some eggnog and went to sleep. I woke up the next morning and I went downstairs.

I saw a little snowman holding a stocking. The stocking was about 4 inches tall. I picked it up and felt something hard, so I took it out. It was the key to a four-wheeler. I walked outside, and there it was, a green four-wheeler.

I still like to ride it on the land around my house. I like to go mud riding sometimes. I take it out to our hunting lease and ride it there.

Nicholas Patterson

The best gift I ever received was a red and black bike. It was fast and cool. It was my ninth Christmas, and I was happy. We were at my house in Waveland.

I got it from a joyful man named Santa Claus. I loved that bike. It was so neat. I went everywhere on it. It had mud tires. I also got my first bob on that bike.

The gift made me feel good, because I felt like I was riding it in the wind. Today I remember the good times I had with that bike.

Casey Dedeaux

One Christmas morning I heard something barking from under our tree. My gift was a puppy. I got him from my parents when I was 9 years old and lived in Waveland.

I woke up one morning to a little bark. When I got up and saw the Christmas tree, there was a little tail sticking out beside all my gifts. Then it started to move and bark, so I picked it up and started to play with my new puppy, "Toe Toe." I still have him. He is four years old now.

Calren Moore

On a cold Christmas morning when I lived in Jackson, Mississippi, I woke up and ran downstairs. I saw all sorts of

things under the tree, but what caught my eye was my shiny bike.

I was so excited, because it was my first bike with only two wheels. It was a Schwinn bike. I always wanted one, because I had just learned how to ride a two-wheeler.

I was so happy. Now I live in Waveland, and my little brother rides it. When I think about it, I smile.

Lindsey Goetz

The best gift I ever got was on Christmas when I was 6 years old. I went to my dad's, and the gift was wrapped under a blanket. I took it off and found a Barbie-Mobile.

I had so much fun. Every time I went to my dad's, I went cruising down the road. Sometimes I would get my brother to get in the passenger's side with me.

The gift made me feel so good. I felt like I was on top of the world. My dad loved it that I liked the Barbie-Mobile so much. I stopped riding it about one or two years later, and my brother ended up driving it into the ditch. To this day, I still think of how much fun I had.

Savanah Nelson

My best gift ever was to know my grandpa is in heaven with Jesus and not in the hospital anymore.

It was about 4 a.m. February 17, 1999. All of the family's kids were in the waiting room and the adults were in the hallway by the Intensive Care Unit. I heard somebody scream, then my mom came running into the room toward me.

She was crying on my shoulder

when it hit me: something was wrong. I asked my mom, and she told me my grandpa had passed on. It was so shocking that I didn't believe it. I didn't want to. My grandpa died, and no one knew why.

They still don't know what happened. That's why I am glad he is in heaven with Jesus. He hated the hospital. Now when I think about it, I usually cry, but I cry because I'm happy.

They had to put him back on the machine. Finally, he said he just wanted to get off it and go "bye bye." When he died two years ago, I took a picture of him. I will keep it forever, until I die. Now every time it's Christmas, I think about him.

Meghan Breeden

The best gift I ever gave was when I was 6 years old. I was living in a little green house

should give a gift to my little brother, only 1 year old at the time. I got my favorite doll and some wrapping paper, and placed the gift under the tree.

The next morning, after my mom unwrapped it for my brother and handed it to him he started playing with it. It made me feel good that I made my little brother happy.

Brennan Adam

The best gift I have ever received was from my great-grandma who died a few weeks ago. She gave me a little chain with a football on it.

This gift means a lot to me, because it was the last thing she gave to me before she died. I have other valuable things. One is a watch my grandpa gave to me, but I still think the necklace is my best gift ever.

Those two items are things that I will always have. I take the watch with me everywhere I go. No one knows it. It's too priceless for me to take a chance.

Yong Zhao

The best gift that I ever received was the necklace my cousin gave to me. I was about 8 years old and living in China then. I remember that I brought it to the United States with me.

I haven't worn it for more than two years now. I don't remember all the details of it, but it was pretty. I can still remember a little bit of it, though.

A Chinese sign that means "happiness" was on one side of it. The other side was a wood duck. Its colors were just like the real one. The wood duck is a sacred thing in China. It is a symbol of love and happiness.

I was very disappointed when a thief broke in and stole it. I really liked it.

Rebecca McIntosh

There was a big bag, and inside of it was a small box with a water globe. It was the best gift ever given to me.

At my birthday party, at my house last June, my best friend Celeste gave me a Precious Moments water globe. The globe had a girl and boy in a boat inside of it. On the base was engraved, "Friends never drift apart." It plays, "That's What Friends Are For."

It made me feel happy that I had a friend who cared that much about me. It is on my shelf in my room beside my jewelry box. It makes me feel happy when I think of it.

Elise Fouasnon

My best gift ever was the gift of friendship. Three years ago, in the fourth grade, I was finally accepted into the gifted class. On my first day, I didn't know anyone in the class. That's when I met Morgan.

After awhile we became friends. We stayed good friends all through that year and the next two years, from the fourth to the sixth grade.

Many times in sixth grade Morgan, my other friend Mignon, and I would walk to downtown Bay St. Louis. We would buy snacks from the machine in the tax assessor's office, get candy from John Paul's, and walk to City Park. We had so much fun.

This year for Morgan's birthday we went to the movies and saw Bring It On, went shopping, and went on a hay ride.

The hay ride was fun, because Morgan's stepdad drove fast. The hard part was trying to get away from Bubba and Veranda, her dogs.

Now she is in my class, and I hope we stay friends forever.

Catherine Rogers

It wasn't wrapped, because it was too big, but a hill was a gift that allowed me to enjoy my life while I was young.

The hill wasn't only my present, but it was also a gift for all of the Americans who lived in Augsburg, Germany about seven years ago. The immense gift was given to us by the Germans.

Germany had eleven months of winter and only one month of summer. During the summer, when I used to live there, I'd ride my plastic "Big Wheel" down the hill. And during the winter, I'd either ride my sled down the hill or sit down on my bottom and slide down, leaning to the left or right to turn, like a skiing man or woman.

My dad was in the military, so we eventually moved to Georgia. Then he had to go to Bosnia to take care of the peace

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'Stella Does the Fishing' in this house

From our kitchen window, I can see my wife, Stella, wade-fishing in the Sound over by Carrere's pier.

She got up before daybreak and drove to Bayou Caddy to get live shrimp for bait. By daybreak, just as I was getting out of bed, she was in the water between the wooden culvert and Carrere's pier, moving near the pilings and casting for flounder. As she moves farther out to where the water is waist deep, she casts, hoping to catch red fish or speckled trout (specks).

If I'm lucky she'll get a black drum, a fish particularly like. If she does, I'll have it for a late breakfast with

some eggs, fried tomatoes and onions from the garden. I get a cup of coffee and a slice of Stella's pound cake and go out on the front porch. Jennie, our Weimaraner, trots along after me. Maybe I'll drop some cake.

The water is extremely calm, almost glassy. On calm days like this you can see the mullet schools swimming in broad sheets of rippled water. Here and there a mullet leaps clear of the water. There are none today, but quite often there are mullet fishermen going after these schools. Occasionally they wade out to do this, but more often they use a Jon boat with a light motor to move among the schools.

One man sits in the back of

the boat running the motor and guiding the craft to the schools. The other stands in the bow with the cast net hanging from his hands waiting till they get in position and then throwing the net. Clear of the boat in a broad graceful sweep over the water. On calm days like this, you can hear the soft smack of the net hitting the water and the quiet voices of the men in the boat.

Mullet are bony, but they can be very good fried with some home-fried potatoes and a light salad for lunch. However, they are best smoked and the popular local name for smoked mullet is "Blox Bacon."

Today, Stella seems to be

having some luck. I go out on the porch and see about three other fishermen near her, a gathering that's a sign they are getting bites. They are at the end of the pier in waist-deep water. The pier is a popular place for wade fishermen and usually there are about five or six strung about the pier casting for fish. From what Stella tells me, they usually are good company and when the same ones return again and again it is somewhat like a pleasant club that adds to the fun of the her fishing.

I step to the edge of the porch and shout, "Show me your fish!" The sound carries well in the still air. I see she hears me and has turned and

Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
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is making some kind of motion. I've brought the binoculars out with me and using them, I see she is lifting two fish that appear to be of a good size.

She has been out there for quite awhile. She'll be coming in soon and, since it is after ten, we'll probably be having those fish for lunch, rather than breakfast. I head back to the office, grabbing another piece of cake as I pass through the kitchen, and continue working in the office in the back of the house. Jennie stays with me, still hoping I'll

drop some of the cake. About an hour later, I hear the pickup pulling in. Stella is back. Now she'll cook what she's caught and we should have a nice lunch. Thinking about this, I hurry to the back to help her unload and wash down her fishing gear. She'll think I'm being nice, but like Jennie, I know when to wag my tail.

She's both tired and excited about what she has been doing. I hear the usual "got away" stories and say "Gee"

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Weddings & Engagements



Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Favre

Favre-Cimbalnik wed in Tucson, Arizona ceremony

Kelly Ann Cimbalnik of Tucson, Ariz. and Jonathan Keene Favre, also of Tucson, were united in marriage October 28, 2000, in an afternoon ceremony in St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Tucson. Father O'Leary officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Allen and Conne Cimbalnik of Milwaukee, Wis.

The groom's parents are Donald Monti and Dawn Elizabeth Favre, both of Chandler, Ariz.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

For the occasion she selected a Carole Hai designer gown of the Moonlight Couture Collection featuring a wide scoop neckline with two-inch cap sleeves. The princess A-line gown was fashioned of white chiffon with French Alençon lace and pearl beading and featuring a cathedral-length train. Matron of honor was Kim Rutter.

Bridesmaids included Colin Marcy Favre, Jody Schutt, Paula Glodowski-Valla and Peggy Crotty.

Best man was Conor Favre, and groomsmen included Matt Thambi, David Hardin, Jeff Barletta and Kim Krumbar.

Many out-of-town and out-of-state relatives attended, including Tom and Edna Krumbar of Mesa, Ariz., grandparents of the groom; Lydia Monti Favre, grandmother of the groom, and Mimi Heitzmann, godmother of the groom, both of Bay St. Louis; Keith and Tracy Favre, uncle and aunt of the groom, respectively; of Dallas, Texas; and Kim and Stephanie Krumbar, uncle and aunt of the

groom, respectively, of Lacosta, Calif.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Tanque Verde Resort Ranch in the Tucson foothills.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted at El Charro's in Tucson.

The bride is a four-year surgical resident at the University of Arizona Medical Center with a doctorate of pharmacy. The groom is also practicing at the University of Arizona Medical Center.

After a two-week honeymoon in Rome, Florence and Venice, Italy, the couple resides in Tucson.

Williams-Baxter to wed

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bragg Williams, III of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeanne Claire, to Mr. John Patrick Baxter, son of Mr. Lionel Francis Baxter, Jr. of Jasper, Ala., and Mrs. Carol McNamara Gordon.

The wedding will be solemnized January 20, 2001 at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, followed by a reception at the Great Southern Club.

Miss Williams was graduated from Our Lady Academy and Clemson University, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She also received a juris doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law. She is associated with the law firm of Allen, Vaughn, Cobb & Hood in Gulfport.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Waller Young, Jr. of Pass Christian and Mrs. E. B. Williams, Jr. of Poplarville and the late Mr. E. B. Williams, Jr.

Mr. Baxter was graduated from St. Stanislaus College and the University of Mississippi, where he was a member and president of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He serves as the manager of Corporate Marketing for Hancock Bank, and he has recently been named branch manager for Hancock Bank at the Bay St. Louis Highway 90 location.

He is the grandson of Mrs. Marion Morvant McNamara and Mr. John Patrick McNamara, both of Metairie, and Mrs. Lionel Francis Baxter of Jacksonville, Fla. and the late Mr. Baxter.



Jeanne Claire Williams

Hancock Medical Center Red Cross blood drive

Hancock Medical Center will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, Jan. 3. The drive will start at 9 a.m. and last until 7 p.m.

The drive is open to the community. Everyone who donates will receive a Holiday Hero Pin as a thank you for giving the best gift of all - "The Gift of Life." The first 100 donors will receive a T-shirt.

Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at

least 100 pounds and should wait at least 56 days between donations. The American Red Cross Blood Services, Gulf Coast Region, provides blood and blood products to 69 hospitals in 46 counties in central Alabama, south Mississippi and northwest Florida.

For information about donating blood, hosting a blood drive or volunteering, contact the local chapter at (228) 762-2455 or call 1-888-432-5663.



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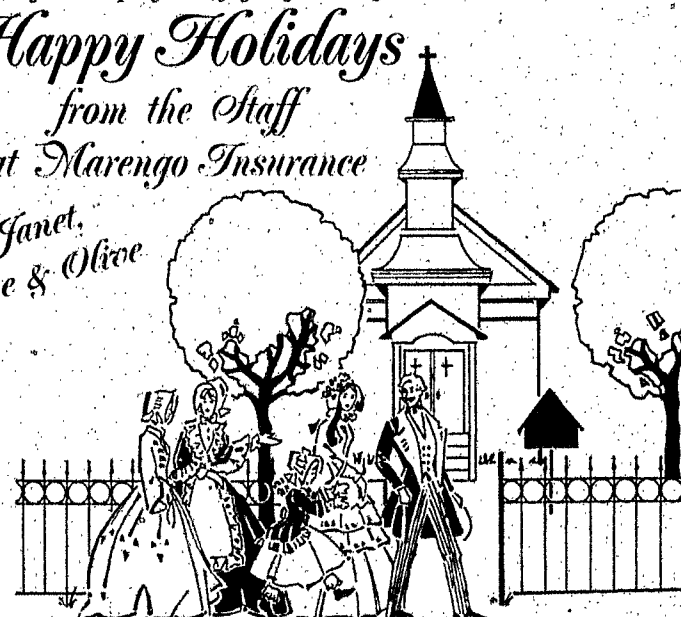
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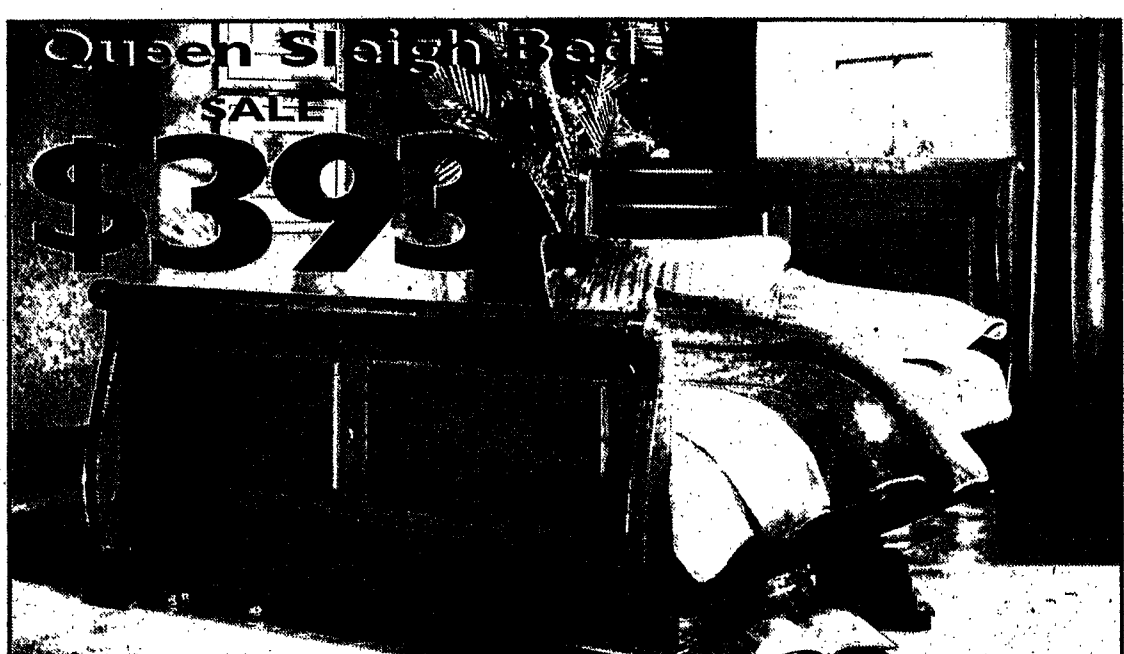
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Births

ELIZABETH GRACE MIRANDY

Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Mirandy of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their third child, Elizabeth Grace, November 30, 2000 at 2:31 p.m. at Slidell Memorial Hospital.

She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Mrs. Mirandy is the former Sherry Rogers.

Grandparents are Sandra Huhn of Columbia and Frank Rogers of Hattiesburg.

Great-grandfather is Franklin S. Rogers of Petal.

Elizabeth is welcomed by sisters Sarah and Samantha.

PAMELA ANN MOREL

Mr. and Mrs. Randall J. Morel of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their third child, Pamela Ann, October 25, 2000 at 4:05 a.m. at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

She weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

Mrs. Morel is the former Heddi Peterson.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John V. Peterson of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Morel of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Helen Carver of Bay St. Louis and the late Charles Carver, the late Harold and Lillian Garcia, the late Hamilton Morel, the late Iris Morel and the late Marie Necaise Luc.

Pamela Ann is welcomed by brother Patrick and sister Paige.

LUKE DANE STERLING

Larry and Rebecca Sterling of Gulfport announce the birth of a son, Luke Dane, Sept. 22, 2000 at 12:15 p.m. at Garden Park Medical Center in Gulfport.

He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

Mrs. Sterling is the former Rebecca Bermond of Bay St. Louis. Maternal grandparents are Karen Prosser Bermond of Atlanta, Ga. and Rene Bermond III of Gulfport.

Paternal grandparents are Charlotte and Larry Sterling Sr. of Waveland.

Great-grandparents include Ray and Grace Prosser of Gulfport and Eunice Bermond of Bay St. Louis and the late Rene Bermond, Jr.; also Norma Sterling and the late Hyman Sterling, and Lillian and Jack Arnold and the late Gilbert Newman, Jr.

Luke is welcomed by his sister, Lyndsey Robin, 5 1/2.

ROSALIE GRACE BECKHAM

Mr. and Mrs. William Joseph Beckham of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Rosalie Grace, Dec. 14, 2000 at 7:39 a.m. at Garden Park Hospital.

She weighed 9 pounds.

Mrs. Beckham is the former Ellen Kergosien.

Maternal grandparents are Rosalie Kergosien and Ames Kergosien of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Jodell Beckham of diamondhead.

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CHAPTER 233

TOPS, MS 233 met Thursday, Dec. 14 at the Waveland Public Library. Best TOPS loser for the week was Kathleen with 9 1/2 pounds. Debbie was top KOPS with 2 pounds. There were 20 members present.

The gift was won by June, and the Incentive Award by Lisa, who donated it to the club.

Perfect attendance awards went to Judy, Inga, Jeanette, Rose, Wenda, Charlotte and June. Weight loss for month: Shirley, 1 pound; Jeanette, 1 1/4 pounds; Inga, 1 1/2 pounds; Juanita, 1 1/2 pounds; Beverly, 2 1/4 pounds; Charlotte, 3 pounds; Rose, 4 pounds, and

Jim, 6 pounds.

Debbie received her seven-year pin, and Kath received her three-year pin.

Club members opened the 2000 capsule.

Kathy was the only one who met her goal for the year. Her goal was staying in LE-WAY for the year.

TOPS 233 meets every Thursday at the Waveland Library. Weigh-ins are 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS 233 chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

CHAPTER 233

TOPS, MS 233 met Thursday, Dec. 21, at the Waveland Public Library. Best TOPS loser for the week was Shirley with 1 pound.

There were 11 members present.

Tops 233 members will do another time capsule for the

year 2001. Pat received a letter from the Bay St. Louis Library with a picture of the club's Christmas tree on display there.

TOPS 233 meets every Thursday at the Waveland Library. Weigh-ins are 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following.



Marie Leruth, left, president of the Pass Christian Garden Club, Paul La Violette, and Petie Hyman, first vice president of the Pass Christian Garden Club.

Local author speaks at Pass Garden Club

Paul La Violette, noted Waveland author, was the featured speaker at the October meeting at the Pass Christian Garden Club held at the Pass Christian Historical Society.

La Violette, using his decades of experience as a marine scientist, educated and entertained the members with readings from his books

"Waiting For The White Pelicans" and "Views From A Front Porch".

President Marie Leruth said the club's plans for the Spring Pilgrimage are now completed. Charity projects for Thanksgiving and Christmas were presented to club members for their approval.

Hancock deputies graduate from training academy

Brandon Carver, Push Phillips and Thalus Ladner were among deputies who were graduated from the Southern Regional Public Safety Institute in Long Beach.

Carver, 24, was hired in Corrections in May of 1999 and transferred to the road Sep. 1, 2000. He attended the Academy Sept. 10 and was graduated Nov. 17, 2000.

He is a 1994 graduate of Hancock High School. Carver served in the U. S. Air Force for

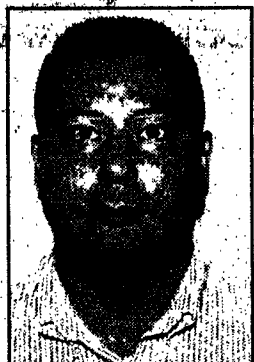
2 1/2 years and received an honorable discharge.

Phillips, 30, was hired in July 2000. He was graduated from the Southern Regional Public Safety Institute Nov. 17. He is a 1987 graduate of Marion Abramson High School.

Ladner, 23, worked in Corrections from Sept. 1999 to Sept. 2000. He also was graduated from the Southern Regional Public Safety Institute Sept. 17. He is a 1996 graduate of Hancock High School.



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United Way of South Mississippi 2000 Campaign Update

Weekly totals of contributions by county as of Dec. 21

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County	Chairperson	Raised
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Hancock County	Chuck Benvenutti	\$117,104
\$162,372	72%	
Harrison County	Charles Benvenutti, CPA	
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	Dr. Phillip Terrell	
	Pass Christian Schools	
Pearl River County	Nancy Durham	\$13,378
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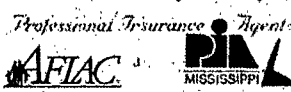
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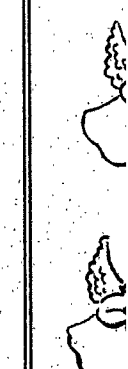
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there. After he came back, he told us that he saw the apartment we used to live in. I asked him if the hill was still there. He said, "The Germans cut the hill down, and they don't allow Americans there anymore."

Ever since then, I have felt sad. I wanted to move back over there when I got older. Now I can't. The hill meant so much to me.

Chantel Clark

The best gift I ever received was love. My mom, dad, family, and friends are the ones who give it to me.

They give me love by always being by my side through hard times and by encouraging me and cheering for me. They always support me in everything I do. They make me feel very special. I feel like I'm a somebody, not a nobody. This is the way everyone should feel.

Paulette Valle

It sparkled and shined, and it fit perfectly on my finger. The gift was a diamond ring, and it was my best gift ever.

I received it in 1996, two weeks before Christmas. My mother gave it to me. I liked it a lot because no one ever gave me a beautiful gift like that.

My mom saved money for it. I liked it not only because it was real, but also because of the thought behind it. It was the best Christmas ring. I liked it and wore it everywhere.

The gift made me feel so happy. It doesn't fit me anymore, but it's in my jewelry box. I still think of my mom when I see it. This year I want to give her something special.

Rachel Cain

The photograph I received of my grandfather, my dad's dad, was the best gift I ever received.

I got it last Christmas from my "Nan." I've never met him before, because he died before I was ever born. It is very special to me. I keep it in a very special photo book that only my dad and mom can get into.

My dad was about 8 years old when my grandfather died, but his dad worked all the time to put food on the table and clothes on their backs. If I would have known him, I know I would have loved him, too.

Johnna Roy

The best gift I ever received was a pair of red leather cowgirl boots. They were from my mom and dad.

I was so excited. I wore those cowgirl boots like they were the only shoes I had. Now when I took back, I think it's funny. They were leather, pointy-toed, and had a zig-zag pattern.

Megan Bounds

The best thing I ever got for a present was on Christmas Eve last year. I got to spend the day with my mom. We were at my mom's house in Waveland.

That was the first time in 13 years I got to spend any holiday with my mom, sisters, and brother at the same time. We watched a lot of movies and talked about what was going on in all of our lives.

The present was from my big sister and my big brother to my

other sister and me. When I got to see my mom, I felt really happy, but in a way it made me sad, because I don't get to see her as much as I would like to around the holidays.

Now that I think about it, it does not really make me sad anymore. I am happy because I have something to remember about the time we all spent together. I will always remember that day and the things we did.

Jason Sims

The best gift I ever received was my Sony Playstation. I received it on Christmas Day 1998.

I received the Playstation at my house in Waveland. I was so happy when I saw it under the tree. I jumped out of my bed, and my brother and I played with it all night. It was from my mom. She saved up a lot of money to buy it for me and my brother Joe.

It makes me feel good to know that my mom saved up so much money to spend on us. It makes me feel so happy that this year I am going to do the same thing for her.

Ricky Manieri

I rode it all morning. It was a beautiful burnt orange Vertigo dirt bike. That was my best Christmas present.

It was sitting under my tree on the morning of December 25, 1999. I got riding in the woods with it a lot. I told my mom and dad that was what I wanted for Christmas. As usual, they said they didn't know if I was going to get it, but I did.

My gift made me feel special, because they got me something I really wanted. Today I still feel like it is one of the coolest bikes in the world.

Jessica Keeton

The best gift I ever received was my papa's medal. It was given to me by my grandma at her house, after my papa passed away.

When my papa died, I was given his St. Christopher's medal. It was a medal. I still have it. I wear it all the time, because I feel like he watches over me. When I think about it, it makes me feel good and sad, both at the same time. That was a very special gift.

Edward Prendergast

My greatest gift is a little dog. He is a Shitsu, and we named him Gizmo. Gizmo is the greatest gift I've ever received because he's always playful.

He's always happy to see me, and he's always there, even when my mom and brother are not. Gizmo's about 13 inches high and about 6 1/2 inches wide. He is a boy and is white and brown and has green eyes.

He is now 2 years old and is probably going to stay the same size. Gizmo's very active and always wants to play.

Chawn Hartley

The best gift I've ever received was a Tippman Model 98 paintball gun, which I got from Swat, a paintball store in Gulfport. It can shoot a paintball as fast as the trigger is pulled. I got the gun from my

mother and father for Christmas. It was all I wanted.

I still remember that cold Christmas morning. I woke up at 6 a.m. and ran over and took it out of the box. I then went outside and shot it all morning. I went back into the house and opened all my other presents under the tree.

I still have fun just shooting it by myself when I can't seem to find anyone else to play with me.

Brennan Delcuze

My best gift was my four-wheeler. I received it when I was 12 years old and lived in Waveland. It was from my mom and dad.

I got up one morning, and I was excited because I thought I was getting a four-wheeler. I went into the front room of my house and looked out the window to see if the four-wheeler was outside. Then I went outside to see if it was in my backyard, and it was not there. I was mad.

I went back inside and looked at my other presents to see what I got, and I saw a ball of paper. I opened it, and a key was inside. The paper said, "Go look in the shed." I went into the shed, and it was there. I got on and rode it all day until I went to my grandma's house for dinner.

My cousins always wants to ride, and so we do. It still makes me feel good to ride it.

Crystal Brown

On my birthday, the best gift I ever got was when my best friend and my cousins came over, and we all watched some movies and played games.

My parents had my birthday party at our house in Arkansas City, and we had so much fun playing basketball and listening to music and watching movies.

My sister, my friends, and I played sports, danced, ate cake, and watched movies. I got gifts from my aunts, uncles, cousins, grandma, grandpa, and friends. I had so much fun that I wanted my birthday to come more quickly the next year. The gift made me feel happy when I saw everyone there.

Since I moved, my family and friends can't come to my birthday, because it is a seven- or eight-hour drive, a long way. I feel okay, because I get to go up there when my dad doesn't work. If I don't go, they send their gifts to me.

Alicia Mitchell

My best gift was when a guardian angel saved my life.

When I was 8 months old, I caught a deadly disease. I stayed in the hospital for 18 days trying to get better. I almost died. If it were not for my guardian angel, whom I believe in, then I would have died.

I'm very scared of hospitals now. When I look back, I only remember a little bit of what happened. I had purple dots all over my skin, and I was very sick.

That gift from the angel made me feel blessed. I hope that deadly disease never strikes again.

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Bubba Robertson

The best gift I ever get is to be with my family each year. Every year I get together with my mom, dad, brother, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

We gather at my Aunt Lillyma's and at my Uncle Jessie's house. I love my family. Every Christmas we get great presents. Everyone gives everyone else a present, too.

My cousins and I like to buy each other fishing poles, and we go fishing the night after Christmas. We've entered contests and usually catch 30- to 40-pound fish. We hold a record for catching a 48-pound redfish.

The grown-ups cook Christmas dinner, like sweet potato pie, hog, deer, turkey, gumbo, greens, and plenty more. They get things ready for about 65 people to eat.

It makes me feel great and loved to know that I have people who love me so much.

Simone Thacker

The greatest gift I ever received was the friendship of my friend Mandy. It was around Christmas, and I had moved to a different school. I sat right next to Mandy. The school was having a gift exchange, and Mandy gave me a cute pencil holder made out of a tin can. I gave her a book, because she liked to read.

My mom had just moved from Palmdale to Lancaster, California, in December of 1997. I was in the fifth grade. My teacher placed me in the desk next to Mandy. When it was recess time, Mandy and I played handball, and we became the best of friends.

The gift of friendship made me a much better person. Before meeting Mandy, I was always sad because I had no one. Mandy felt the same way. When we moved from California to Mississippi, we were both sad, but luckily, Mandy and I have computers and can still keep in touch.

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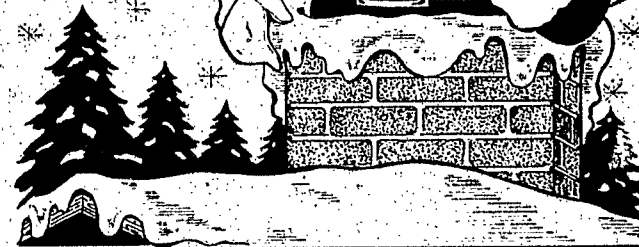
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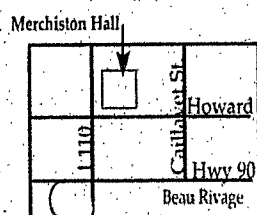
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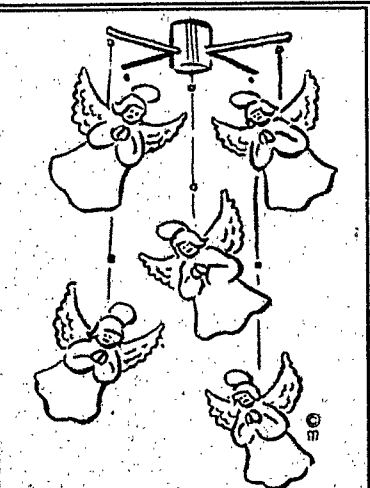


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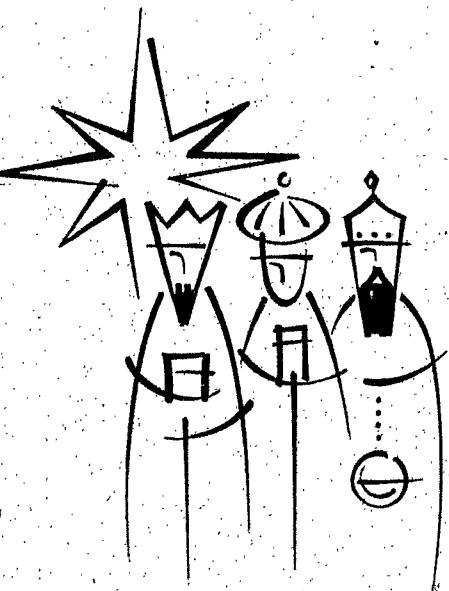


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D'head Daisies compete to help Food Pantry

Diamondhead Girl Scout Daisy Troop 194 has been competing in a Food Drive Contest while collecting non-perishable food items as a community service project to benefit the Hancock County Food Pantry in Bay St. Louis in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The food drive contest allowed for each girl who collected the required minimum of five items in order to earn a special patch to add to their Daisy tunic.

In addition to the patch, the Daisies also tied the food drive with one of their learning activi-

ties entitled, "Considerate and Caring," which would also earn them one of the 10 petals each Daisy will earn during the year.

The contest ended in a tie between Hannah Wood and Kendall Ritten for collecting the most items for the food drive; together they contributed over half of the 146 non-perishable food items donated to the Hancock County Food Pantry.

Hannah and Kendall will both receive a special award in recognition of their outstanding work in helping the community.



Sitting from left, Hannah Wood, Emma McRaney, Andrea Hollman and Vicki Huckabee; standing, Kendall Ritten, Amy Love, Camille Swanson, Amber Keenenn, and Sarah Boozer are shown organizing the food items their Diamondhead Daisy Troop collected for donation to the Hancock County Food Pantry.



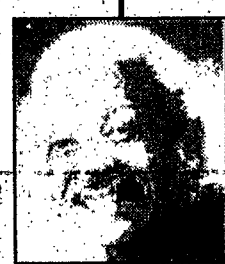
The 4-year-olds and Kindergarten class sang "Jesus Loves Me" for the 11 a.m. worship service.

Main Street Methodist celebrates children

Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis recently celebrated "We are God's Children" as part of their annual Children's Sunday on Oct. 15, 2000. Under the direction of Amy Enloe, the entire service was a celebration of children featured through their prayers, songs, and skits.



Praise Bells, the adult handbell choir at Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis are shown during the Children's Sunday celebration, "We Are God's Children." The Praise Bells, under the direction of Judy Guy, shared their renditions of "The Lord's Prayer" and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" for the worship service.



REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome LeDoux, SVD

"World conditions are ready for his return, Armageddon is almost upon us. Jesus will return and take over the governments of the world.

He will reign in Jerusalem and judge the nations. Will you spend eternity with Christ or Satan?"

Fortified with numerous Bible quotes, this brief letter ends with a request which betrays the nature of the letter: "If you believe this, please make copies and give to others. Please keep a copy for yourself."

That's right. It's a chain letter. Since I had not received any chain letter in several years,

I decided to hang on to it for a while. On second thought, it sounded enough like Advent to address the warnings it gives to all.

First of all, untold millions of people have been trigger-happy about Armageddon and the second coming of Jesus.

Even Paul got caught up in the prospect of an imminent Parousia or second coming:

"We who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself,

with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17).

This description of the much-discussed rapture would not have such a ring of urgency had Paul not already written: "I tell you, brothers, the time is running out."

From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Obviously, Paul was about 1960 years ahead of the second coming, at least up till now, and counting. But so was John: "Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that the antichrist is coming, so now many anti-christ have appeared. Thus we know this is the last hour" (1 John 2:18).

The chain letter simply states things which Paul, John and

Will you be with Jesus forever?

numerous other eager Parousia watchers have been saying down through the centuries.

Of course, very few people are inclined to think that Jesus will come and take over the governments of the world, but we do believe he will judge the nations and usher in an eternity of heaven or hell for all on this planet.

Our first line of business is to reject this and all chain letters, for they all follow a path of fear and coercion. Implicit in each chain letter is the annoying fallacy that something bad will happen to you if you do not comply with the stipulations of the letter. At that rate, I should be dead many times over.

Aside from its noxious arm-twisting aspects, the chain letter does include some good points in the canned section of its format. Willy-nilly, we must choose between spending time and eternity with Jesus or Satan. Its mistaken notion of government stems from a secular application of the Scriptures:

"For unto us a child is born... and the government shall be upon his shoulder... Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end" (Isaiah 9:6-7).

"Nobody else can help you," the canned message goes on to explain. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and people, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5).

Unconsciously, the spirit of Advent is pursued through the person of the Messiah: "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

The canned message concludes with the same admonitions as Advent's: In your own words, admit you are a sinner, turn away from sin, believe that Jesus died for us, ask God to save you, ask Jesus to take control of your life, live for Jesus your king, read your Bible every day, talk to God every day.

Not a bad chain letter, except for the government thing. But we do not need chain letters or anything else to distill the real deal in our lives.

John the Baptist, his cousin Jesus, Peter, Paul, James, John and the other scribes of the New Testament took very good care of that.

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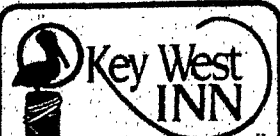
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Stella -- She does the fishing

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and "Hm" at the appropriate times. However, she says she has caught two very pretty speckled trout and wants to fix them for lunch. She shows them to me. They look very nice, and I quickly agree they would be nice for lunch.

She immediately slaps the fish on her fillet board and starts filleting. She's done in minutes. And heads inside to take a shower. As she goes, she tasks me to run over to the Pass and get some large shrimp and fresh French bread.

I leave with Jennie in the pickup. Jennie loves to ride in the truck. Ordinarily, she is an extremely hyper dog. But once in the truck, she sits upright, almost motionless. The only thing that moves is her head, and this constantly darting about to check on every item we pass, making sure that things are being done right. I guess, sometimes they are not, because every so often she lets

out a low growl.

Today she doesn't growl at all, a sign, I suppose, that today things are being done right. And I agree with her, it looks that way to me, too. I'll be the first to admit I'm spoiled. Years past, when I was a bachelor, my week's shopping for food usually consisted of buying seven TV dinners, a six-pack of beer, a liter of soft drink and some bread, tea and yogurt. And what was bad about that was that I didn't

know there was a difference. I thought that what I ate, while not great, was okay.

Stella, who was a fair cook when we got married, started to expand her skills when we moved into the new house. She began doing things in the kitchen in an intuitive way that constantly surprised me. Our food became very good, then great, then excellent. And my palate improved.

Jennie and I buy the bread, still warm, at the bakery and

then go to get the shrimp at a retailer/wholesaler on the Pass Christian Municipal Pier. The place is busy, some boats are just coming in. I find that the shrimp are a little high, four dollars a pound, but the retailer, a friendly easy-going person I've met several times before, says that "they're fresh, just brought in that morning". When I look at them, I see that they are about a fifteen to twenty count (fifteen to twenty to the pound) which is very

good and I get a pound.

When I return, I find Stella has cooked some wild rice and made a tomato salad with tomatoes from her garden and some excellent balsamic vinegar. She compliments me on the size of the shrimp and while I set the table in the dining room she proceeds to finish fixing the meal. First she butterflies and seasons the shrimp and then pan fries them together with the fish in virgin olive oil, placing the results on

a large platter with the rice.

We sit down to eat, looking out the windows at the place where much of the food on the table was caught. The show of the food on the platter in the center of the table is both delightful to see and mouth-watering. I uncup a real dark heady beer, that goes good with seared shrimp and fish, put my bare feet on Jennie's back (she's under the table, maybe something will fall), and enjoy a good meal.

Protect
pets
from the
weather

By Crystal Bailey

MSU Ag Communications

People would never send their family members out into the cold without a source of warmth and nourishment, and neglecting to provide for pets can be just as heartless.

"Animals need shelter from temperatures or wind chills below freezing. Bring them inside or put them in an insulated cover where the wind is blocked from all sides," said John Tyler, internal medicine specialist at Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

"Outdoor shelters in Mississippi are probably good for dogs used to being outside. Place a dog pen up against the house to allow heat from inside to warm the pen. Make their bedding out of straw to keep them warm. If there are multiple days of extreme coldness, put them inside the garage or house," Tyler said.

If bringing animals in from the cold, make sure there are no toxic chemicals such as ethylene glycol in antifreeze or rat poisons they can get to and swallow. Swallowing antifreeze will cause the kidneys to shut down within 24 hours and taking in enough rat poison can cause bleeding in the internal cavities.

If time permits, induce vomiting right away by putting salt or hydrogen peroxide down the back of its throat. Depending on the type of poison swallowed, use over-the-counter agents such as syrup of ipecac. "Don't waste much time trying to make them vomit if they swallowed antifreeze because most of it is absorbed after they swallow. Get them to a veterinarian immediately."

Treatment for swallowing antifreeze is commonly successful if it is begun within eight to 12 hours after consumption. After that there's not much hope for survival. Rat poison doesn't act as quickly," Tyler said.

Signs an animal has gotten into antifreeze include uncoordination, drunkenness, disorientation, stupor and increased thirst.

Signs it has swallowed rat poison include a bloody nose, dark colored feces, red urine and bruising of the skin.

Besides deadly chemicals, car engines are a threat to animals who like to climb in them to keep warm.

Check at least twice daily to make sure cats and dogs' water is not freezing, or bring them in for water. Allow them to gain a few pounds during the winter months to give them energy and keep them warm.

"Animals have a higher metabolism in winter, so they need more food to provide them energy," Tyler said.

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THESE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD ON OR AFTER JANUARY 15, 2001

ROAD RUNNER TOWING
10139 HWY 603
BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520
228-466-0901

12/17, 12/24, 12/31/00

AUTO INSURANCE WITH MONTHLY PAYMENTS as low as \$24. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

BEAT THIS- 97 FORD MUSTANG, 6 CYL., super clean, retail \$11,600, our price \$7,995 or \$169 a month. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picayune, 1-800-798-9133.

138 Trucks, Vans

1986 GMC JIMMY with motor \$800. Also a 1979 Ford Fairmount \$300. Call 467-0044.

1987 DODGE DAKOTA PICK-UP. RE-BUILT engine, automatic, carper-shell, needs some work, runs good. \$900 OBO. 467-2181.

96 NISSAN P.U., 33K SUPER LOW MILES. \$6995 or \$142 a month. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picayune, 1-800-798-9133.

143 Real Estate Services

"All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis."

147 Apartments For Rent

1 BEDROOM EFFICIENCY ALL UTILITIES paid \$125 per week \$100 deposit. Pet-free. 467-7920.

1/BR, FURNISHED APT. CENTRAL A/H. A.J. 467-8401.

2 BEDROOM APT. \$395 MO. CALL before 8:30 a.m. 466-2631.

BSL CUTE 1/BR, COTTAGE \$375/mo. water sewage lawn paid. Discount to seniors. 263-7368.

CHARMING 1 AND 2 BEDROOM APTS. Near beach. 467-6742.

GREAT MOVE IN SPECIAL! Great Pass location. One's from \$395, two's from \$415, and three's from \$525. Call 452-9401.

LARGE 1/BR, COTTAGE, FURNISHED, boat-dock, pool, near Casino Magic. \$525/month, \$300/deposit. 467-5628 or 388-4501.

OAK PARK APARTMENTS in Waveland 2 bedroom apartments at \$495. Call about our specials plus 10% off seniors 55 and over. 467-6882.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

14X80 3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, \$400/MONTH, \$125/deposit. Hancock County. 228-255-6566.

CLEAN, 1BR, 1BA, WATERFRONT, AC/heat, pet-free, smoke-free, \$285/month, \$200/deposit. Partial utilities. Salifish Realty 467-1380.

GOOD DEAL- 3-BDRM, W/D, HOOK-UPS, located in Clermont Harbor. \$350/mo. \$250/dep. Call 467-2936.

NICE TRAILER FOR RENT, UTILITIES paid, \$125 deposit, \$125 week. 466-0315.

PERFECT LOCATION: NEWLY RE-MODELED 2br/1ba mobile home has kitchen w/appliance, snack bar, new carpet, window treatments, w/d hook-ups, front porch & paved driveway and sidewalk. Ideally located to schools, restaurants, casino, shopping center, golf course, marina, and easy access to Hwy. 90. Call Lisa (owner/agent) 466-1400. \$425 mo./dep. \$325/1 yr. lease required.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

NO JOKE! NEW 2001, 16' WIDE, 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath home \$289/month, Call Royer Homes. 1-800-701-4019.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

Everyone is Approved!

If you have been denied credit due to past credit blemishes you're only one call away from having the home of your dreams. Some restrictions apply. For further information call Champion Home Center 1-228-831-0068 or TOLL FREE 1-866-831-0068.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR MOBILE HOMES: Best prices on the coast. Easy monthly payments. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

ZONE 111 NEW 2001 MODEL DOUBLE wide, set-up, delivered, skirting and air conditioning \$350/month, Call Royer Homes. 1-800-701-4019.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

2 BEDROOM 1 BATH ALL ELECTRIC central heat & air washer & dryer included. \$550 per month \$300 deposit. Pet-free. 467-7920.

3. BEDROOM, FENCED YARD, W/D HOOK UPS, \$485 month, plus deposit. 466-0509. Leave message.

3BR, 2BA, ENERGY EFFICIENT, fireplace, w/d hook-ups, good neighborhood, close to shopping & schools. \$700/mo. 466-6482.

BSL: SMALL COTTAGE, 2BR, 1BA, a/h, appliances. 349 State, \$385. 467-2053.

DIAMONDHEAD: 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, great room, den, washer/dryer, fireplace, very clean. Pet-free environment \$825/month plus deposit. 467-7345.

DIAMONDHEAD: BRIGHT OPEN FLOOR plan lots of windows 3/2 garage. \$895/mo. Call Marilyn 255-7711 255-3550.

FOR LEASE: NEW 3BR, 2-1/2 bath duplex, B.S.L. \$850/month. 3BR/1-1/2 Bath, Waveland, \$650/month. 2BR, 1BA in the County, \$550/month. 3BR, 2BA in Diamondhead, \$675/mo. Call Charli @ Century 21 McIntyre-Rapp. 467-3777.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA, FROM \$750 PER MONTH: Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

NICE 3/BR, HOME: CENTRAL A/H; carpet, 1-1/2ba, shop & boat shed. \$700/mo. \$600/dep. 466-2777.

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR 303 Favre, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Call 467-4474 if no answer leave message.

PASS CHRISTIAN: 2BR AND 3BR ON quiet street. Central heat/air, fenced yard, pets ok. 466-9134.

WATERFRONT HOME 5/BR, 2/BA, CENTRAL a/h, BSL area, Garden Isles. Monthly \$1,000. 1-504-737-6885.

151 Furn. House Rent

BSL: 2/BR HOUSE, 1 BATH, CENT. A/H, carport, fenced. \$695/mo. 467-2053.

156 Lots/Acreage

CLERMONT HARBOR, THE LAKES Subdivision, 3-plus acre lots, heavily wooded, waterfront. Colly Rd. off N. Railroad Ave. between Clermont & Lakeshore Rail crossings. \$12,000. No trailers. 466-0688.

DEER PARK: 1 ACRE FOR MOBILE HOME on paved road & community water, no money down \$150. per month for 15 yrs. @ 12% interest, larger lots available. Magnolia State Properties, 1-800-388-3138.

FOR SALE: DIAMONDHEAD MAIN CHANNEL waterfront lot 105' on water one of few remaining. \$195,000. 504-643-0378.

GARDEN ISLES: TWO CANAL lots #25 & #26 total 100x100' on Dove Street. \$34,000, \$17,000/down. Clermont Harbor corner lot North side Beach Blvd. & Borage. 467-3828.

MOBILE HOME LOTS, WAVELAND and Pass Christian area with well and septic. Owner financing. \$500/down. Call McKenzie Realty. 392-0039.

158 Commercial Property

215 HIGHWAY 90, WAVELAND, GOOD location, heavy traffic, small building. 504-286-3819 leave message on recorder.

BUILDING FOR RENT: 910 HWY 90 467-7678.

FOR RENT: 1200 SQ. FT. COMMERCIAL building, Downtown Bay St. Louis. 586-2344.

FOR RENT: AVAILABLE JAN. 1, Office space, 142 Main St. 1-601-798-4415.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SPACE FOR lease 804 Hwy 90 BSL, 1200 square feet. 467-4594.

159 Houses For Sale

New Construction
Vinyl siding, 3BR, 1.5BA, central H/A. Walk to Gulfview School. Minutes from beaches, shopping, Stennis and Port & Harbor.
Asking \$68,500
467-7149 • 516-3139

FOR SALE: NEW 3/BR, 2/BA, BRICK home on 2 acres in Kilm. Asking \$100,000. O.B.O. 601-749-0014.

I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR PROPERTY, any condition. Will pay all closing cost. Agents protected. O/A. (504)908-7653.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR HOME: CALL Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-6004.

NEW CONSTRUCTION. HARDWOOD floors, ceramic tile, jacuzzi tub, cathedral ceilings & fireplace, 808 Faith St. \$85,000. \$6,000 down, notes \$693.29. Call Gold Coast Realty 467-4479.

OWNER FINANCE, NO CREDIT CHECK, no closing costs. New construction, brick, 3br, 2ba, cathedral ceilings, fireplace, carport, 1502 Margie Waveland, \$107,000, \$7,000 down. Notes \$877.58. Call Gold Coast Realty 467-4479.

Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF FLORENCE VOELKEL MUHLSEIN LACEFIELD, DECEASED

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 4th day of December, 2000, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of FLORENCE VOELKEL MUHLSEIN LACEFIELD, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from date of first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. This 4th day of December, 2000.

LOUIS A. MUHLSEIN, JR., EXECUTOR OF ESTATE OF FLORENCE VOELKEL MUHLSEIN LACEFIELD, DECEASED

FAVRE, GENIN & SCARFIDE Attorneys at Law
P. O. Box 700
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
12/10, 12/17, 12/24/00

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES MITCHELL ALEXANDER, DECEASED

RHONDA J. ALEXANDER, Plaintiff

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NO. 2000-934

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of CHARLES MITCHELL ALEXANDER, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of HANCOCK County, Mississippi, on the 12th day of December, 2000. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the clerk of said court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice. Failure to do so will bar the claim.

This 30th day of November, 2000.
RHONDA J. ALEXANDER, Administrator
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/2000

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

ANITA M. KEGLEY, Plaintiff
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI;
C. O. BOX 700, CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; CONO CARANNA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, MISSISSIPPI; AND ANY AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS, FIRMS, CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY TITLE, RIGHT OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY, DEFENDANTS.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
NO. 2000-950

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
TO: Any and all unknown persons, firms and corporations, whose places of residence, street and post office addresses are and remain unknown to Plaintiff after diligent search and inquiry made to ascertain same, having or claiming to have any title, right or interest in and to real property described as:
Lot 8, Block 1, UNIT 8, a subdivision of Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official map of plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book A, page 103. And as described in Deed Book AA-7, page 819.

YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A DEFENDANT IN THE SUIT FILED IN THIS COURT BY ANITA M. KEGLEY, SEEKING COMPLAINT TO CONFIRM TAX TITLE. YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THIS COMPLAINT OR PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:30 O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2001, IN THE COURTROOM OF THE CHANCERY COURT, AT THE HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER THINGS DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT OR PETITION.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANSWER OR OTHER PLEADING, BUT YOU MAY DO SO IF YOU DESIRE.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 13th day of December, 2000.

(SEAL)
Timothy A. Keller
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi
BY Janet Ladner D.C.

DATED 12/13/00
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/2000

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG
Lila Simpson Amos, Plaintiff
Representative of Estate of Melvin D. Amos, Plaintiff,

vs.
Patrick Barbera, Defendant
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
2000-CP-42-2400
SUMMONS (non-jury)

TO THE DEFENDANT: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff in the above-captioned action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer on the undersigned at 401 East First Avenue, Suite A, Post Office Box 887, Easley, South Carolina 29641-0887, within thirty (30) days after the service thereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer within the time aforesaid, Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint.

IN THE EVENT YOU ARE AN INFANT UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR ARE INCOMPETENT OR INSANE, then you or the Guardian or Committee or further summoned and notified to apply for the appointment of a Guardian ad Litem to represent said infant under fourteen years of age or said incompetent or insane person within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff herein.

LAW OFFICES OF DANIEL E. HUNT, P.A.
BY: Daniel E. Hunt
SC Bar #2821
401 East First Avenue, Suite A
Post Office Box 887
Easley, South Carolina 29641-0887
(864)859-7127

August 22, 2000
12/10, 12/17, 12/24/2000

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

NOTICE OF SALE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED GOODS WILL BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH. SAID SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE STORAGE CENTER JAN. 6TH, 2001 AT 10:00 A.M. HWY. 90, KILN, MS.

DEBBIE MARTIN BENNETT A JULIUS THOMPSON 93.94
ELIZABETH DAUGHTERY 62
JUDY PRESSCOTT 39
RODOLPH MILLER 111

JEFF LARSEN
THE STORAGE CENTER
HWY 90 P.O. BOX 50
KILN MS 39556
228-467-3343
12/24, 12/28, 1/04/2001

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRETT KELLY LACOSTE
KIMBERLY RAQUEL LADNER PETITIONER
HEIRS AT LAW OF
BRETT KELLY LACOSTE, DECEASED

CIVIL ACTION NO. 98-0719
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
THE HEIRS AT LAW OF BRETT KELLY LACOSTE, who are believed to be nonresidents of the State of Mississippi, whose names and addresses, both post office and street addresses, are unknown at this time, are the defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by KIMBERLY RAQUEL LADNER, being one and the same as KIMBERLY RAQUEL LACOSTE, and Brett Kelly Lacoste, II, seeking adjudication that Brett Kelly Lacoste, II, is the sole heir at law of BRETT KELLY LACOSTE, deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said principal filed against you in this action at 9:30 a.m. on the 26th day of February, 2001, before the Honorable Margaret Alfonso in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND and the seal of said court, this 20th day of December A.D. 2000. (SEAL)

TIM A. KELLAR
CHANCERY CLERK
BY Janet Ladner D.C.
12/24, 12/31, 1/07/2001

TRUSTEE ELECTION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the term of School Board Trustee Byron Griffith, is expiring and it is necessary that a date, hour and location for holding an election for the position of Trustee of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District to occupy said position be held, and

WHEREAS, Miss Code Ann. §37-7-203 (1972) as amended, provides that where the added territory of the municipal separate school district furnished thirty percent (30%) or more of the pupils enrolled in the schools of said district, then not more than two (2) members of the Board of Trustees shall be residents of the added territory, and

WHEREAS, the enrollment of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District is constituted by more than thirty percent (30%) of the students coming from the added territory, it is therefore necessary that a date, hour, and location be set for the holding of this special election, and

WHEREAS, Miss Code Ann. §37-7-215 (1972), as amended, provides that where a school district exceeds 3,500 qualified electors, the Board of Trustees shall designate a convenient place for holding this election. NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the election for Trustee of the added territory be held on March 2, 2001, at the Waveland Elementary School, Waveland, Mississippi, located on St. Joseph Street in the City of Waveland. Said election shall be held between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. It is further resolved that notice of this election be given at least twenty-one (21) days from the date of the first publication before the election by the Superintendent by posting a notice of the election in at least three (3) public places in the school district, upon the bulletin board of all school buildings in such district, and in addition, said notice shall be made by publication once in each week during three (3) successive weeks in the proposed school district. A public newspaper in Hancock County, Mississippi, and further, that said publication shall contain the name of any candidates qualified at the time of the publication.

SO RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees, this 13 day of December, 2000.

12/17, 12/24, 12/31/2000

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLAND PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Hancock County Board of Supervisors has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Act, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, in the Mississippi Sound in Waveland, Hancock County.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 141 Bay Street, Suite 200, Bayou Corde, Louisiana 70301, or to the Office of Pollution Control, Rest Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 before 1:00 p.m. on the 12th day of January 15, 2001.

12/24, 12/31/2000, 1/07/2001

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF SOUTH MS HOLIDAY RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION CHANGES

THIS SCHEDULE IS FOR CHRISTMAS, AND NEW YEAR'S DAY WE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DEC 25 AND MONDAY JAN 1.

DIAMONDHEAD MONDAY COLLECTION DAY WILL BE MOVED TO TUESDAY

TUESDAY COLLECTION DAY WILL BE MOVED TO WEDNESDAY COLLECTION DAY WILL BE MOVED TO THURSDAY

THURSDAY COLLECTION DAY WILL BE MOVED TO FRIDAY

FRIDAY COLLECTION DAY WILL BE MOVED TO SATURDAY

HIDEAWAY LAKE MONDAY COLLECTION DAY WILL BE MOVED TO TUESDAY

POPLARVILLE COLLECTION WILL BE ON REGULAR SCHEDULE (TUESDAY AND FRIDAY COLLECTIONS WILL BE ON REGULAR SCHEDULE)

CITY OF PICAYUNE MONDAY COLLECTIONS WILL BE CANCELED ALL OTHER COLLECTIONS WILL BE ON REGULAR SCHEDULE

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
Due to the New Year's Day Holiday, the Bay St. Louis City Council workshop scheduled for Monday, January 1 and meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2001 will be held on Monday, January 8 and Tuesday, January 9, 2001. The meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. The City Council workshop and meeting will be held at the City Hall Annex, 111 Court Street. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Entertainment

Casino Magic holiday entertainment

Lobby Entertainment (FREE)
BOBBY ALLISON FREE
Saturdays, Noon-4 p.m.

VAN-DELL'S
January 2-14 (Tuesday - Sunday)
8 & 10:30 p.m.
(January 5 & 6 at 9 & 11 p.m.)

STAN WAYNE'S HEART & SOUL
January 16-21
Main Lobby, free
8 & 10:30 p.m. (Sundays at 6 & 8:30 p.m.)

DON ROSE CLASSIC SHOW BAND
January 23-26 and Jan. 30-Feb. 4, 8 & 10:30 p.m. (Sundays at 6 & 8:30 p.m.)

LITTLE "FATS" JACKSON
January 27 & 28 8 & 10:30 p.m.

HEADLINERS IN THE MAGIC ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX:

CHRIS OWENS
January 5 & 6, 8 & 10 p.m.
\$5 with Magic Money Card (includes 2 free drinks)

SUPER BRAWL
January 19 at 7 p.m.
Will McIntyre vs. John Hover, Nina Ahlin (Atlanta Falcons cheerleader) \$10, \$20, \$30 & \$50

JERRY LEE LEWIS
January 27 at 9 p.m., \$20, \$25 & \$30

SUPER BOWL
January 28 - starts at 5 p.m. in the Magic Entertainment Complex. Watch it on our big screen TVs. Don't miss our food and drink specials.

Now Year's Day Jazz Buffet
For \$13.99 per person, you can dine in a light and airy atmosphere with the soothing sounds of jazz music at Abacadabra's Magical Buffet. The jazz buffet is from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday, Jan. 1.

Featured items include hand-carved fried and baked seafood and chicken, Cajun-style pasta dishes and a salad and dessert bar.

Charity Slot Tournament Monday, Jan. 8
Benefits the Waveland Animal Shelter.
Registration in the front lobby 4 - 6 p.m. the day of the tournament.

Entry fee includes a buffet, a participation gift and a chance to win a share of \$1,000. (Top prize \$500)

For more details, call VIP Guest Services at 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 extension 8008 or call the Slot Tournament Hotline at extension 4277. \$10 donation. No checks, please.

Grab Bag Slot Tournament January 24

Open to the Public - free entry. Registration is 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the main lobby stage.

First round of the tournament begins at 6 p.m.; final round 9:30 p.m.

There is no entry into this

tournament and all guests receive a "grab bag" gift just for participating.

The lowest score of the entire tournament receives an automatic entry into the final round. The top 13 scores advance to the finals. There are four wild card spots drawn to make a total of 18 finalists.

Top prize is \$1,000. (Total cash giveaway is \$1,500)

Royal Wednesdays Video Poker Tournament

To enter, guests, must accumulate 25 points within seven days prior to tournament date. Tournament to be held every third Wednesday, 6-10 p.m. Register at VIP Guest Services. Space is limited.

Each session consists of 8 minutes of free credit play. In the event of a tie, a playoff round will determine the winner. Prize Breakdown: 1st: \$500, 2nd: \$250, 3rd: \$125, 4th: \$75 and 5th \$50. (Total: \$1,000).

Must be a Magic Money Players Club Member. Membership is free at the Magic Money Players Club.

JACKPOT PARTY

For hand-paid jackpots of \$500 or more, winners are invited for a chance to win twice. Jan. 21, 6:30-8 p.m. winners are invited back to the monthly jackpot party for a chance to win \$7,500 in prizes at the Jackpot Winners Party.

Earn Free Golf at Magic
Guests can get a "Free Golf" bonus card at the Magic Money Players Club or while playing table games. Then they just play one hour at a \$10 average bet (or equivalent), or they can earn 50 points on their Magic Money Players Card to earn a stamp on their golf card.

Each completed card gets guests a free round of golf at The Bridges Golf course, designed by Arnold Palmer.

See the Magic Money Players Club for details. Must be a Magic Money Member. Membership is free.

Players Play Golf at a Discounted Rate

Receive a \$40 round of golf (including your green and cart fee) at The Bridges when you present your Magic Money Players Card.

Orgeron's Family Restaurant

720-B Highway 90
Waveland, MS
467-1027

MON-WED NITE

all u can eat fried catfish **\$6.95**

THURSDAY NIGHT ALL-U-CAN-EAT \$8.95 FRIED SHRIMP

SAT. NIGHT ALL-U CAN EAT PRIME RIB

10 Daily Lunch Specials!

starting at **\$3.95**

includes tea

Open Mon-Wed 11:00

Thurs, Fri & Sat 11:00
Sunday Closed

Jackson Zoo features two exhibits for one price

The Jackson Zoo and Russell C. Davis Planetarium will offer two exciting exhibits with a special low price ticket through Dec. 31.

The Zoo will host a white tiger, Sultan, from Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, and the Planetarium will feature its second Mega-HD cinema extravaganza, "Search for the Great Sharks."

The Planetarium and Zoo will offer a limited-term promotion which will allow individuals the opportunity to see both exhibits by purchasing a single discounted ticket that will be honored at both locations.

Ticket prices will be adults \$7.50 and children (3-12) \$4. Tickets may be purchased at the Jackson Zoo, Davis Planetarium and local Toys R Us stores.

Friends of the Zoo and

Mississippi Science Network members receive free admission to both exhibits during this special promotion through Dec. 31. Both exhibits will run through May 31.

For information call the Zoo at 352-2581 or the Planetarium at 960-1550.

Both facilities will be closed December 25.

Search for the Great Sharks - This Mega HD Cinema film plunges viewers into the undersea world of the ocean's most feared predators.

This film features three spectacular dives in different parts of the world for close encounters with blue sharks, whale sharks and great white sharks.

Showtimes are 10 a.m. weekdays; 2:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m.

weekdays December 18-29; no shows Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day or Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. **Cellular South presents Sultan, a white Bengal tiger**, on loan from Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, who will spend winter and spring at the Jackson Zoo.

Sultan's rare color is due to a recessive gene that produces white fur with brown stripes, a pink nose and paw pads.

He will rotate with the Zoo's orange Sumatran tiger, Phoenix, so both have equal outdoor time. Sultan can be seen daily in the tiger exhibit, while Phoenix roams the outdoor exhibit nightly.

The Jackson Zoo is open daily from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Zoo will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Scott Aquarium prepares for JASON XII

Visitors to the Scott Aquarium in Biloxi can experience the power of volcanoes up close and personal through the live, interactive broadcasts of JASON XII Jan. 29-Feb. 9.

Admission to the aquarium is free for JASON participants.

School groups from Mississippi and neighboring states will join Robert D. Ballard, discoverer of the wreckage of the R.M.S. Titanic, and other scientists for the live broadcasts at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. every day except Sunday during the JASON project.

During the two weeks of JASON, students will also be able to operate computer simulations to create their own volcano, measure lava flows and go into a virtual volcano lab. The 2001 theme for JASON is "Hawaii, A Living Laboratory."

JASON is in its eighth year at the Scott Aquarium through the cooperative effort of the

Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command at the John C. Stennis Space Center and the University of Southern Mississippi Institute of Marine Sciences. The Navy will provide computers, satellite communications hardware and personnel for the interactive broadcasts.

Ballard founded the JASON Project in 1989 after he received thousands of letters from school children following his discovery of the Titanic. Since then, mil-

lions of students have accompanied him as he has applied new technologies and old-fashioned personal observation to explore intriguing scientific and historical sites.

For group reservations call 228-374-5550 or e-mail <scott.aquarium@usm.edu>. Sessions are also open to the general public. Individuals and non-school groups are especially encouraged to attend afternoon sessions.

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